

Appendix A
Public Outreach



REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, YUMA
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April 22, 2011

Environmental Sciences Division

Ms. Elvie R. Hoag
Chief, Environmental Branch
ACC PMS/CEV
11817 Canon Blvd., Suite 306
Newport News, Virginia 23606

Dear Ms. Hoag:

The United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground intends to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the Real Property Master Plan at the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) northeast of Yuma, Arizona. This letter provides advance notice of the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the EIS in the Federal Register to allow your agency additional time to consider the action and identify any issues relevant for consideration in the NEPA analysis.

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Two public scoping meetings will be scheduled following publication of the NOI, likely in mid-May. A separate meeting for interested agencies will be held prior to one of the public meetings. A notification letter with proposed project and meeting details will be sent once the NOI is published and meeting dates are set. Your office will be provided with a copy of the draft and final versions of the PEIS for review and comment. Your comments on this proposed action are requested. Comments or questions should be directed to the NEPA Coordinator, IMWE-YMA-PWE, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma, 301 C Street, Yuma AZ 85365-9498, facsimile (928) 328-6696, telephone (928) 328-2015, or email ypgnepa@conus.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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May 9, 2011

Richard T. Martin, Garrison Manager
Attention: Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager IMWE-YMA-PWE
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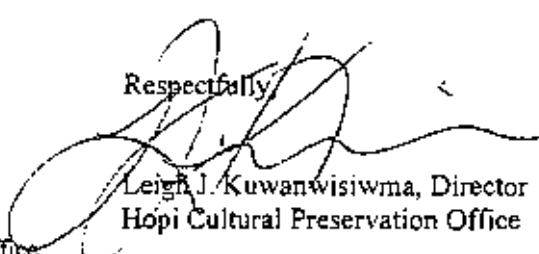
Dear Mr. Martin,

This letter is in response to your correspondences dated April 22 and May 2, 2011, regarding Yuma Proving Ground preparing a programmatic environmental impact statement for the implementation of the Real Property Master Plan, and a consultation meeting scheduled for June 8, 2011. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate Yuma Proving Ground's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office has stated that we appreciate that the Yuma Proving Ground is identifying historic properties in potential use areas, and we are interested in consulting on any proposal that has the potential to adversely affect prehistoric cultural resources on the Yuma Proving Ground. We will be unable to send a representative to the June 8th meeting. However, we are interested in receiving copies for review and comment of the revised integrated cultural and natural resource management plans, the programmatic environmental impact statement, and the updates on cultural and natural resource management on these lands.

We appreciate that Yuma Proving Ground is extremely interested in avoiding and not damaging places of tribal concern and significance. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

Education Division conducted a formal section 7 consultation under the ESA. On November 18, 2008, NMFS issued a Biological Opinion (2008 BiOp) and concluded that the issuance of an IHA is likely to affect, but not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Steller sea lions. NMFS has also issued an incidental take statement (ITS) for Steller sea lions pursuant to section 7 of the ESA. The ITS contains reasonable and prudent measures for implementing terms and conditions to minimize the effects of this take. NMFS has reviewed the 2008 BiOp and determined that there is no new information regarding effects to Steller sea lions; the action has not been modified in a manner which would cause adverse effects not previously evaluated; there has been no new listing of species or no new designation of critical habitat that could be affected by the action; and the action will not exceed the extent or amount of incidental take authorized in the 2008 BiOp. Therefore, the proposed IHA does not require the reinitiation of Section 7 consultation under the ESA.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

To meet NMFS' NEPA requirements for the issuance of an IHA to PRBO, NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2007 that was specific to seabird research activities on SEFI, WEI, ANI, and PRNS and evaluated the impacts on the human environment of NMFS' authorization of incidental Level B harassment resulting from seabird research in Central California. 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 (FONSI) and, therefore, it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement for the issuance of an IHA to PRBO for this activity. In 2008, NMFS prepared a supplemental EA (SEA) titled "Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization to Take Marine Mammals by Harassment Incidental to Conducting Seabird and Pinniped Research in Central California and Environmental Assessment for the Continuation of Scientific Research on Pinnipeds in California Under Scientific Research Permit 373-1868-00," to address new available information regarding the effects of PRBO's seabird and pinniped research activities that may have cumulative impacts to the physical and biological environment. At that time, NMFS concluded that issuance of an IHA for the December

2008 through 2009 season would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and issued a FONSI for the 2008 SEA regarding PRBO's activities. In conjunction with this year's application, NMFS has again reviewed the 2007 EA and the 2008 SEA and determined that there are no new direct, indirect or cumulative impacts to the human and natural environment associated with the IHA requiring evaluation in a supplemental EA and NMFS, therefore, reaffirms the 2008 FONSI. A copy of the EA, SEA, and the NMFS FONSI for this activity is available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: May 20, 2011.

James H. Lecky,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Real Property Master Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army intends to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from adoption and implementation of a Real Property Master Plan (RPMP), including test areas and training activities at Yuma Proving Ground.

ADDRESSES: For questions concerning the RPMP PEIS, please contact Mr. Sergio Obregon, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, IMWE-YMA-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498. Written comments may be mailed to that address or e-mailed to ypgnepa@conus.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Wullenjohn, Yuma Proving Ground Public Affairs Office, at (928) 328-6189 Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Yuma Proving Ground consists of approximately 840,000 acres of DoD-managed land in the Sonoran Desert in southwestern Arizona and occupies portions of Yuma and La Paz counties. The mission at Yuma Proving Ground is ensuring the readiness of U. S. forces

and materiel to perform in hot arid conditions around the world. This requires rigorous testing of ground and aerial vehicles, weapons, munitions, sensors, and guidance systems and realistic training. The U.S. has been engaged in hostile conflicts in environments similar to those found at Yuma Proving Ground, resulting in a need for increased testing of existing and developing military equipment, vehicles, and munitions under these environmental conditions. To meet these needs, the U.S. Army intends to prepare a RPMP PEIS at Yuma Proving Ground to analyze potential impacts from new construction, changes in testing and training, and activities conducted under private industry partnerships. Renewable energy initiatives will also be discussed in the PEIS, but project-specific NEPA analysis will be required prior to implementing specific renewable energy initiatives.

Alternatives will consist of alternative siting locations for certain activities within Yuma Proving Ground and different magnitudes of implementation with regard to spatial extent of potential impacts and frequency and duration of specific events. The EIS will also analyze the No Action Alternative, under which no new construction would occur and there would be no changes in testing and training activities conducted at Yuma Proving Ground.

No changes are proposed to activities conducted at off-post areas in Arizona and California that are used for specific testing activities under conditions not found at Yuma Proving Ground. Therefore, these areas would not be considered in the development of alternatives for the RPMP PEIS.

All activities under consideration would be conducted within the boundaries of the installation. Resource areas that may be impacted include air quality, airspace, traffic, noise, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomics, utilities, land use, and solid and hazardous materials/waste. Impacts to these resources may occur as a result of converting existing land use to support military testing and training or from increasing the scope or magnitude of testing and training activities. The analysis will also consider the potential for cumulative environmental effects.

The public will be invited to participate in the scoping process to provide input on the proposed action and alternatives, which will be evaluated in the PEIS. After publication of the Notice of Intent to prepare the PEIS, the Army will schedule at least two public meetings to provide information about the proposed action

and alternatives and to solicit input and feedback from the public on issues to be addressed in the PEIS. Meetings will be announced in local media. The public will also be invited to review and comment on the Draft PEIS when it is released. Comments from the public will be considered before any decision is made regarding implementing the proposed action.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Public Scoping Meeting and Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project in Liberty County and Harris County, TX

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, has received a permit application for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) from the Coastal Water Authority (SWG-2009-00188) for the proposed Coastal Water Authority's Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project located in eastern Liberty County with the 26.5-mile corridor extending southwestward from the Trinity River to a discharge point near the confluence of Luce Bayou with Lake Houston. The primary Federal involvement associated with the proposed action is the discharge or dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands, and the construction of structures that may affect navigable waters. Federal authorizations for the proposed project would constitute a "major federal action." Based on the potential impacts, both individually and cumulatively, the Corps intends to prepare an Environmental Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act to render a final decision on the permit applications.

The Corps' decision will be to either issue, issue with modification or deny Department of the Army permits for the proposed action. The EIS will assess the potential social, economic and

environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the interbasin conveyance, associated facilities, and appurtenances and is intended to be sufficient in scope to address Federal, State and local requirements, environmental issues concerning the proposed action, and permit reviews.

DATES: The scoping period will commence with the publication of this notice. The formal scoping period will end 60 days after the publication of this notice. Comments regarding issues relative to the proposed project should be received.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods: *Mail:* Jayson M. Hudson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229; *Fax:* (409) 766-3931 or *E-mail:* Jayson.m.hudson@usace.army.mil.

Emailed comments, including attachments, should be provided in .doc, .docx, .pdf or .txt formats. Documents pertinent to the proposed project may be examined at <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/reg/eis.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jayson Hudson, (409) 766-3108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Galveston District intends to prepare a DEIS on the proposed Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project which is the proposed transfer of water from the Trinity River in Liberty County to Lake Houston in Harris County, TX. The Coastal Water Authority proposed this project and is the applicant for the Department of the Army permit (DA) SWG-2009-00188.

1. *Project Background:* The Coastal Water Authority is proposing to convey up to 400 million gallons of water per day (MGD) under gravity in accordance with the City of Houston's existing water rights permit from the Trinity River to Lake Houston, a distance of approximately 26.5 miles. The Trinity River water would be conveyed from the proposed pump station through large diameter pipelines to a sediment storage and settling basin and then through an earthen canal to outfall at the Lake Houston discharge point. The canal would have side berms and there would be an access road, drainage ditches, and perimeter fencing surrounding the water conveyance canal. The proposed project consists of the following:

a. A new water pumping station will be constructed on the Trinity River at Capers Ridge approximately 10 miles north of Dayton, TX.

b. Dual, 108-inch diameter force mains will be constructed extending from the Capers Ridge pump station

approximately 3.5 miles to the west and southwest to outfall to the sedimentation settling basin.

c. An approximate 20-acre sedimentation settling and storage basin.

d. An approximate 23.5 mile clay-lined earthen canal with 4:1 side slopes within a 300-foot easement that would include access roads, berms, chain link perimeter fencing, flow control structures, and metering stations.

e. Box culverts at canal and roadway crossings and multiple bawl-ground siphons constructed to facilitate wildlife movement and maintain existing hydrology along the canal conveyance system.

f. An approximate 10-acre maintenance facility located approximately 6 miles north of Dayton, TX.

g. Discharge structure along the southeastern shoreline of Lake Houston.

2. *Scoping and Public Involvement Process:* A Public Notice was published on April 19, 2010 to initiate the public scoping process for the proposed project. At that time, based on information provided by the Applicant, a preliminary review indicated that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was not required. However, based on continuing permit assessment and information brought forth during the initial coordination process, areas of potential significant impact on the human environment have been identified. Therefore, the EIS process is being implemented so that the permit application can be fully evaluated and a permit decision can be made. All comments received to date, including those provided for review during the initial scoping process, will be considered by the Galveston District during EIS preparation. The purpose of the EIS scoping meeting is to gather information on the subjects to be studied in detail by the EIS.

3. *Purpose and Need.* The basic purpose of the proposed action is to provide drinking water for the City of Houston and surrounding area. The overall purpose is to provide drinking water utilizing water rights currently held by the City of Houston in the Trinity River. The Corps recognizes that there is a public and private need for drinking water.

4. *Alternatives.* An evaluation of alternatives to the Applicant's preferred alternative initially being considered includes a No Action alternative, alternatives that would avoid, minimize and compensate for impacts to the aquatic environment within the project right-of-way, alternatives that would avoid, minimize and compensate for



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May 31, 2011

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. Louis J. Manuel, Jr.
Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community Council
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85239

Dear Chairman Manuel:

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A scoping meeting for interested agencies and tribes will occur on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at YPG's Main Administrative Area, in the Desert Breeze Travel Camp Community Center, Building 6. The first public meeting will also be held at this location, on Tuesday June 14, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A second public meeting will be held at the Yuma Public Library, 2951 South 21st Drive, Yuma AZ, 85364, on Wednesday June 15, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Enclosed are driving directions from Yuma to the meeting location on YPG. Your office will be provided with a copy of the draft and final versions of the PEIS for review and comment. Your comments on this proposed action are requested. Comments or questions should be directed to the NEPA Coordinator, IMWE-YMA-PWE, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma, 301 C Street, Yuma AZ 85365-9498, facsimile (928) 328-6696, telephone (928) 328-2015, or email ypgnepa@conus.army.mil.

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May 31, 2011

Environmental Sciences Division

Honorable Alan Krieger
City of Yuma
One City Plaza
Yuma, AZ 85366

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June 28, 2011

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Re: Scoping Comments for the YPG Real Property Master Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Obregon:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) received your May 31, 2011 letter requesting our participation in the scoping process for the development of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the implementation of the Real Property Master Plan at the United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). Department personnel also participated in the June 15, 2011 agency scoping meeting and the June 16, 2011 public meeting, and we are providing the following comments for your consideration.

Proposed Action

As the Department understands, the PEIS will analyze environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of the Real Property Master Plan. This will allow YPG to maintain a facility capable of state of the art testing of military ground and aerial vehicle systems, weapons, munitions, sensors, and guidance systems. It will provide for realistic training, and allow flexibility to enter into legally permissible Army/private industry projects where such projects are compatible with the military mission of YPG. YPG would undertake construction and demolition projects (primarily within cantonment areas), continue existing testing and training activities, and expand some testing and training areas and activities. No expansion of YPG would result from the proposed action.

Department Recommendations

Given the limited information available regarding the proposed action at this time, we recommend YPG coordinate early and often with the Department throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to help identify potential impacts to wildlife populations and habitats, and to develop appropriate avoidance, minimization, or mitigation measures. Additionally, the Department recommends YPG consider the following scoping issues:

Mr. Sergio Obregon

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1. Analyze potential impacts to vegetation, including mesquite bosques, desert washes, dunes, foothills, mountain ranges, water catchments, and other habitats utilized by wildlife.
2. Analyze potential impacts to specific wildlife species, including the Sonoran desert tortoise, mule deer, desert bighorn sheep, Sonoran pronghorn, and other special status species. Access the Department's Environmental On-line Review Tool to help identify special status species that have been identified as occurring in the project vicinity. This On-line Tool contains the best available data through the Heritage Database Management System (HDMS) and can aid in a thorough evaluation of potential impacts to wildlife species¹;
3. Analyze potential impacts to hunter access, law enforcement, and wildlife management activities, such as surveys and translocations, which could be impacted by the proposed action.
4. Coordinate with other resource management agencies such the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding Clean Water Act issues, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Endangered Species Act issues.
5. Ensure the YPG 1997 Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) is comprehensively reviewed and updated to provide programmatic guidance for the conservation, management, and monitoring of the range's natural resources, given the considerable new knowledge of wildlife resources that have been obtained through cooperative studies with YPG, and the change and expansion in testing, training, and other mission activities across the installation over the previous decade.

¹ The Department's HDMS data are not intended to include potential distribution of special status species. Arizona is large and diverse with plants, animals, and environmental conditions that are ever changing. Consequently, many areas may contain species that biologists do not know about or species previously noted in a particular area may no longer occur there. Not all of Arizona has been surveyed for special status species, and surveys that have been conducted have varied greatly in scope and intensity.

Mr. Sergio Obregon

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments on the development of this PEIS. The Department appreciates your continued coordination and cooperation regarding the conservation and management of wildlife populations, habitats, and wildlife-oriented recreation on YPG. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss our comments, please contact me at 928-341-4068.

Sincerely,



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Habitat Program Manager
Region IV, Yuma

cc: Josh Avey, Chief, Habitat Branch
Pat Barber, Regional Supervisor, Region IV
Laura Canaca, Project Evaluation Program Supervisor, Habitat Branch
Elaine Johnson, Project Leader, Southwest AZ National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Kirk Koch, Acting Manager, Yuma BLM Field Office
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Affidavit of Publication

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I, Darlene Firestone being duly sworn on oath now and during all times herein stated, have been the publisher (or authorized representative of Publisher) and designated agent of the publication known as,

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And having full knowledge of the facts herein stated as follows:

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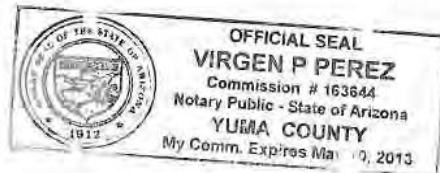
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This 8th day of June, 2011.

Virgen P. Perez
Notary Public

Notary Seal:



Casey Anthony's mother, ex-boyfriend testify; murder trial to resume Tuesday

ORLANDO, Fla. — The mother of a Florida woman accused of killing her 2-year-old daughter gave a tour of the family home, including a playhouse built for the toddler and the above-ground pool the defense team claims the girl drowned in.

Cindy Anthony testified Saturday at her daughter's murder trial that she and Caylee went swimming on June 15, 2008 — the last day she saw her granddaughter. She said she removed a lad-

into the pool — something she did every time the pool wasn't being used.

Casey Anthony, who is charged with first-degree murder in the toddler's summer 2008 death, wiped away tears with a tissue during her mother's testimony. Prosecutors contend Casey Anthony suffocated the girl with duct tape. If convicted, she could be sentenced to death.

Cindy Anthony was not asked directly Saturday whether she thought the young girl drowned. The trial will resume Tuesday in Orlando.

Through most of her tes-

play on television monitors along the courtroom, where evidence is displayed for the jury, media and spectators. Anthony eventually interrupted her questioning, asking prosecutors to remove the photo.

Married folks now outnumbered: Census data shows them leading less than half of US households

PORTLAND, Ore. — Three mornings a week, when Becky Leung gets ready for work, her boyfriend is just getting home from his overnight job.

hints about her twin sister's marriage, she laughs it off. And when she thinks about getting married herself, she worries first about her career.

Leung, 27, cohabits in a Portland, Ore., townhome with her boyfriend but has no plans yet to wed, a reflection of the broader cultural shift in the U.S. away from the traditional definition of what it means to be a household.

Data released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau shows married couples have found themselves in a new position: They're no longer the majority.

It's a trend that's been creeping along for decades, but in the 2010 Census, married couples represent 48 percent of all households. That's down from 52 percent in the last Census and, for the first time in U.S. history, puts households led by married couples as a plurality.

"I see a lot of people not having the typical 8-to-5 job, or couples where one person is employed and one isn't. There's other priorities before marriage," Leung said.

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El proyecto permitiría a YPG a mantener una instalación capaz de probar sistemas de vanguardia del terreno militar y sistemas de vehículos aéreos, armas, municiones, sensores y sistemas de orientación; para proporcionar una formación realista y permitir la flexibilidad necesaria para entrar en proyectos del ejército y del sector privado legalmente admisibles donde tales proyectos sean compatibles con la misión militar de YPG. Se discutirán iniciativas de energía renovable en la PEIS, pero un análisis de la NEPA específicos del proyecto será necesario antes a la implementación de las iniciativas de energía renovable específicas. YPG realizaría los proyectos de construcción y demolición (principalmente en las zonas de acantonamiento), continuará las pruebas existentes y actividades de capacitación y ampliará algunas pruebas de formación y actividades. No habría una expansión de YPG como resultado de la acción propuesta. La construcción nueva incluiría una variedad de instalaciones para satisfacer la demanda y el espacio necesario para cumplir con los requerimientos de la misión.

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Summit focuses on MRAP tests

Event fosters communication between testers of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles throughout the U.S.

By Mark Schauer

During the worst years of the Iraqi insurgency, the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle was developed to protect American Soldiers from the destructive power of roadside bombs and other improvised explosive devices (IEDs). After extensive testing, the heavily fortified platform with a blast-defusing V-shaped hull was rapidly fielded.

The vehicle's effectiveness resulted in the development of specialized variants, from the route-clearing Buffalo MRAP that uses a long hydraulic claw to dig land mines and IEDs to the MRAP All-Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV), a lighter and more

tested at YPG.

The number of variants and the program's status as a joint effort between the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Navy mean the engineers who design and test MRAPs are scattered throughout the country. To facilitate interaction, the MRAP Joint Program Office (JPO) has held an annual engineering summit for the past three years. This year's two day event was held at YPG, and every MRAP tester in the Combat and Automotive Systems division participated.

"They hear about what is going on within the whole spectrum of the MRAP program, not just the area they are focused in," said Isaac Rodriguez, team leader in YPG's combat and



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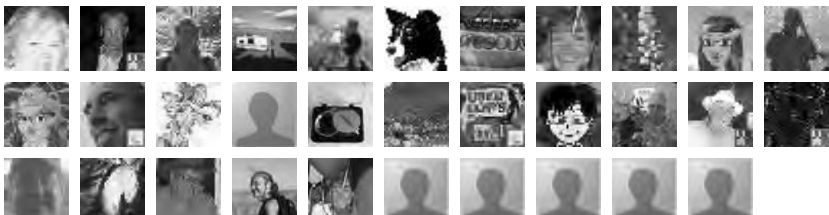
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1.0 Introduction

This Public Involvement Management Strategy (PIMS) has been prepared to support the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The purpose of this PIMS is to develop and guide the implementation of a public involvement strategy that will inform and educate the general public and interested stakeholders about the YPG EIS process. The PIMS includes information about tools and activities, such as fact sheets/meeting handouts, a web page, public scoping meetings, a public hearing, public notices, and press releases that will be used to communicate with the general public and stakeholders as the project moves through the EIS process.

2.0 Project Background

The U. S. Army intends to prepare an EIS, in accordance with Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of the Real Property Master Plan at YPG.

3.0 Project Issues and Stakeholders

NEPA is intended to consider environmental impacts in agency decision making and ensure public participation in the EIS process, which includes the identification and evaluation of project-specific issues. Public participation includes effective communication between all Federal, state, and local agencies, tribal governments, and other persons or organizations that may have an interest in the project. As part of the process, the public will be invited to attend public scoping workshops, and once the draft EIS is completed, review the document and participate in a public hearing.

Public scoping workshops are planned for Spring/Summer of 2011 to announce the commencement of the EIS process and to gather any initial concerns or issues the public might have with the project. Information provided at these meetings will include background information on the project and its purpose, the area of study, and the options being considered. The public will be given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments concerning the project and provide input on development of alternatives. Continued public involvement for the remainder of this project will be ensured through enactment of this PIMS.

Methods to reach the general public and interested stakeholders, in addition to the public meetings and public hearing, will include meeting announcements, press releases to local print and broadcast media, and a web site.

The U.S. Army will be the lead agency for this EIS. Other interested agencies and stakeholders may include:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Bureau of Land Management
- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Arizona Department of Mines and Mineral Resources
- Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer
- Other Department of Defense entities
- Native American tribes
- Other interest groups such as: Arizona Desert Big Horn Sheep Society

4.0 Public Involvement Tools and Activities

Public involvement is a vital part of the EIS process: it provides the general public and stakeholders an opportunity to understand and comment on Federal projects that could affect them. There are many different methods used to involve the general public and stakeholders; however, every public involvement strategy must include a public scoping workshop, a public hearing, and public comment period, as well as public notices and press releases. The public involvement tools and activities for the YPG EIS process will include the following:

- Public Scoping Workshops (planned for June 14, 2011 at the YPG Desert Breeze Travel Camp Community Center Yuma Public Library and June 15, 2011 at the Yuma Public Library)
- A Public Hearing in October 2011
- Fact Sheets/Meeting Handouts
- Public Notices and Press Releases
- Mailing Lists
- Compliance with Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice, and Executive Order 13045, Child Protection Requirements

4.1 Public Scoping Workshops

Public scoping meetings are scheduled for June 14, 2011 at YPG and June 15, 2011 at the Yuma Public Library to announce the commencement of the EIS process and to gather any initial concerns or issues the public might have with the project. The meeting will be conducted in a workshop format with a series of display stations available for the public to review and obtain information about the project. Information presented on these display boards will consist of background information on the project and its purpose, the area of study, and the options under consideration. All graphic displays and handouts will be reviewed by YPG prior to use.

A public notice will be mailed to interested stakeholders prior to the public scoping workshops. Notice of the public scoping workshops will be advertised in the Yuma Sun, Bajo El Sol, Desert Messenger, and the YPG Outpost. Press releases will be sent to local TV news Channels 11 and 13, and local radio stations as identified by YPG. At the scoping workshops, the public will be given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments concerning the project. A court reporter will be present to transcribe the meeting.

A draft and final meeting summary, submitted to the YPG, will be prepared, summarizing the results and comments received at the public scoping workshops. A

hard copy of the workshop transcripts will be included in the meeting summary. This meeting summary will be posted on the YPG EIS web site.

4.2 Agency and Tribal Scoping Meetings

Agency and tribal governmental scoping meetings will be scheduled to overlap with the public scoping meetings (i.e., during an afternoon prior to the public meeting) to provide an opportunity for interested agencies and Native American tribes to ask questions and provide feedback on the YPG EIS process. A draft and final meeting summary will be prepared. Additional scoping meetings or calls may be scheduled upon request of the interested parties.

4.3 Public Hearing

One public hearing will be held in winter 2011 in Yuma to address the Draft EIS. The format of the hearing will include a presentation of the purpose and need for the project; a short presentation on how an EIS is organized; a discussion of the alternatives evaluated under the EIS; and a discussion of the purpose of the public comment period. Various graphics, including maps and charts, will be displayed in the meeting area. All graphics and handouts will be reviewed by YPG prior to use.

YPG representatives will open the public hearing. The Project Manager and other key contractor personnel will present the proposed alternatives, the evaluation framework for the alternatives, and the possible environmental effects of the proposed alternatives. A summary of the Draft EIS will be presented. The general public and interested stakeholders will then be provided an opportunity to make oral comments on the proposed action.

A court reporter will record the meeting, and a draft and final summary of the public hearing will be prepared. The summary for the hearing will be posted on the EIS web site. A hard copy of the meeting summary, along with a copy of the court reporter's transcript, will be provided to the YPG.

A public notice will be mailed to interested stakeholders prior to the public hearing. A notice of the meeting will also be posted on the YPG EIS web site and in local newspapers.

4.4 Fact Sheets/Meeting Handouts

Public involvement tools will also include fact sheets and meeting handouts. Fact sheets to be produced will provide information on the YPG EIS activities and status. The fact sheets will be provided at the meetings and later posted to the YPG EIS web site. Additional meeting handouts will also be prepared for distribution and display at the public workshops and public hearing. Suggested presentation boards for the scoping meetings include:

- Welcome Board (Project Title/Project Proponent)
- Project Location
- What is an EIS?

- Purpose and Need
- NEPA Issues
- Project Schedule
- Recreation and Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources

4.5 Press Releases and Public Notices

Press releases and public notices serve to notify the public of the status of an EIS. Press releases for the YPG EIS will be distributed prior to the public scoping workshops, the Draft EIS filing, the public hearing, and the submittal of the Final EIS. A public notice will also be published prior to the public hearing. Press releases will be issued prior to the scheduled public scoping workshops and the public hearing. Each press release will include the date, location, and purpose of the scoping workshops and the hearing. All public meetings will be held either in the City of Yuma or at the YPG.

The press releases for the Draft and Final EIS will be issued concurrently with the filing of each document. The press release for the Draft EIS will include the Notice of Availability of the draft document as well as the date for the public hearing. The press release for the Final EIS will include the Notice of Availability for the final document.

The following list presents the total number of press releases and corresponding milestones:

Press Release #1	Public Scoping Meetings
Press Release #2/Public Notice	Filing of Draft EIS (Date of publication in Federal Register)
Press Release #3/Public Notice	Public Hearing
Press Release #4	Filing of Final EIS (Date of publication in Federal Register)

4.6 Mailing List

Interested stakeholders and the general public also participate in the EIS process through inclusion on the public mailing list. Those included on the mailing list will be environmental organizations, Yuma organizations, local agencies, state and Federal agencies, state legislative representatives, and Federal congressional representatives. Others to be included on the list will be news media and public libraries within the Yuma area and those individuals who commented during the scoping process and/or during the public workshops and hearing.

The mailing list will be used as a source for the distribution of Notices of Availability for the Draft and Final EIS as well as for the public meeting announcements, press releases, and other notices and communications to the public. The distribution list for the Draft and Final EIS will also indicate the format in which these documents will be provided electronically.

The mailing list will be edited and updated periodically (and prior to the release of the fact sheets) so that those individuals who commented at the scoping meeting, the public workshop, and public hearing will be included. The list will also be updated to include others who have expressed an interest in the project, as well as deleting those requesting removal from the list, changes in address, and undeliverable mail.

4.7 Internet Web Page

An internet web site will be used to increase communication with the general public and stakeholders. This has proven to be a very efficient means of providing information on public workshops and hearings and serves as another method for the general public to provide comments. Other information and materials, such as fact sheets and meeting handouts, can be promptly posted and updated on the web site.

The web site to be created for the Draft EIS will include a home page, information on the EIS process, status of the project, and updates on public involvement activities. The Draft EIS and other support documents will also be posted to the web site. This tool will also provide the means for the general public and stakeholders to respond to the various submittals during the YGP EIS process. Other information to be included on the web site will be meeting summaries, YPG EIS fact sheets/meeting handouts, Notices of Availability, the EIS bibliography, press releases, and the project schedule.

4.8 Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice and Executive Order 13045, Child Protection Requirements

Another component of an EIS, as part of the public involvement plan, is ensuring that two executive orders, Executive Order 12898 and Executive Order 13045, are followed. Executive Order 12898 requires Federal agencies, to the greatest extent possible and permitted by law, to address environmental justice in minority and low-income populations, when Federal actions are involved. Executive Order 13045 was issued to protect children from environmental health and safety risks.

To ensure compliance with these executive orders, representatives of minority and children's groups will be contacted and asked to identify issues of potential interest. They will also be asked to identify other groups or individuals that should be included on the general public mailing list.

To comply with these executive orders, all public notices, documents, and meeting summaries will be concise, understandable, and readily accessible to the public. These executive orders for environmental justice and child protection requirements will be explained at the public scoping workshop and hearing and in the EIS fact sheets.

APPENDIX A

PIMS Schedule for the YPG EIS

Press Release/Public Notice sent prior to Public Scoping Workshops

Public Scoping Workshop at YPG June 14, 2011

Public Scoping Workshop at Yuma Public Library June 15, 2011

Draft EIS to the Public Fall 2011

Public Hearing Winter 2011-12

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APPENDIX B

Public Involvement Documents

Appendix B will be compiled upon completion of the project. This appendix will include fact sheets/meeting handouts, press releases, public workshop and hearing notices, meeting summaries, and other items created for the project, as appropriate.

**U.S. ARMY YUMA PROVING GROUND
NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Yuma, Arizona - The United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground intends to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the Real Property Master Plan at the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) northeast of Yuma, Arizona. The Notice of Intent (NOI) for the PEIS was published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2011.

The project will allow YPG to maintain a facility capable of state of the art testing of military ground and aerial vehicle systems, weapons, munitions, sensors, and guidance systems; to provide realistic training, and to allow flexibility to enter into legally permissible Army/private industry projects where such projects are compatible with the military mission of YPG. Renewable energy initiatives will be discussed in the PEIS, but project-specific NEPA analysis will be required prior to implementing specific renewable energy initiatives. YPG would undertake construction and demolition projects (primarily within cantonment areas), continue existing testing and training activities, and expand some testing and training areas and activities. No expansion of YPG would result from the proposed action. New construction would include a variety of facilities to meet the demand and space needed to meet mission requirements.

A public meeting will be held on YPG from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Building 6, the Desert Breeze Travel Camp Community Center, located on the main administrative area off of Imperial Dam Road on Tuesday June 14, 2011. A second public meeting will be held at the Yuma Public Library, 2951 South 21st Drive, Yuma AZ, 85364 on Wednesday June 15, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Draft and final versions of the PEIS will be made available to the public for review and comment when completed. The scoping process officially begins with the publication of the NOI in the Federal Register. Public scoping comments will be solicited through June 30, 2011. YPG will also accept public input throughout the NEPA process. All interested parties are invited to attend the public meetings and to submit comments or questions by mail to Sergio Obregon, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, IMWE-YMA-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498, or e-mail ypgnepa@conus.army.mil. By phone, contact Chuck Wullenjohn at (928) 328-6189 from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

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El ejército de los Estados Unidos de Yuma Proving Grounds tiene la intención de preparar una Declaración de Programación de Impacto Ambiental (PEIS, por sus siglas en inglés) en conformidad con la sección 102(2)(c) de Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (NEPA, por sus siglas en inglés) para analizar los impactos ambientales como resultado de la implementación del Plan Maestro de Propiedad Real (RPMP, por sus siglas en inglés) en Yuma Proving Ground (YPG, por sus siglas en inglés) al noreste de Yuma, Arizona. El Aviso de Intención (NOI por sus siglas en inglés) de la PEIS fue publicado en el Registro Federal el 25 de mayo de 2011.

El proyecto permitiría a YPG a mantener una instalación capaz de probar sistemas de vanguardia del terreno militar y sistemas de vehículos aéreos, armas, municiones, sensores y sistemas de orientación; para proporcionar una formación realista y permitir la flexibilidad necesaria para entrar en proyectos del ejército y del sector privado legalmente admisibles donde tales proyectos sean compatibles con la misión militar de YPG. Se discutirán iniciativas de energía renovable en la PEIS, pero un análisis de la NEPA específicos del proyecto será necesario antes a la implementación de las iniciativas de energía renovable específicas. YPG realizaría los proyectos de construcción y demolición (principalmente en las zonas de acantonamiento), continuará las pruebas existentes y actividades de capacitación y ampliará algunas pruebas de formación y actividades. No habría una expansión de YPG como resultado de la acción propuesta. La construcción nueva incluiría una variedad de instalaciones para satisfacer la demanda y el espacio necesario para cumplir con los requerimientos de la misión.

Se llevará a cabo una reunión pública en YPG de las 6:00pm a 8:00pm en el edificio 6, del Centro Comunitario Desert Brezee Travel Camp, ubicado en el área administrativa principal en la salida de la calle Imperial Dam Road, el martes 14 de junio de 2011. Se llevará a cabo una segunda reunión pública en la biblioteca pública de Yuma, ubicada en el 2951 South 21st, Yuma AZ, 85364 el miércoles 15 de junio de 2011 de las 6: 00pm a 8:00pm. Se pondrán a disposición del público versiones del borrador y finales de la PEIS para su revisión y comentario una vez finalizados. El proceso de exploración oficialmente comienza con la publicación de la NOI en el Registro Federal. Comentarios públicos serán solicitados hasta el 30 de junio de 2011. YPG también aceptará la opinión pública durante todo el proceso de NEPA. Todas las partes interesadas están invitadas a asistir a las reuniones públicas y a enviar comentarios o preguntas por correo a Sergio Obregon, Coordinador de la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental a U.S Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, IMWE-YMA-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498, o por correo electrónico al ypgnepa@conus.army.mil. Por teléfono, llame a Chuck Wullenjohn al (928) 328-6189 de 6:30 AM a 5:00 PM, de lunes a jueves.

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Contacts for additional information on the project are included in the attachment.

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KSWT (CBS 13)
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KYRM (91.9 FM)
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Welcome to the Yuma Proving Ground

OPEN HOUSE

Scoping Meeting

Please sign in and take your time to view the informational exhibits.
Staff (with name tags) are available to answer your questions.

**We appreciate your valuable time spent with us this evening.
YOUR OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT.
Please complete a comment card before you leave to
help guide the direction of this proposed project.**

**For more information or to express your
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What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

The **National Environmental Policy Act** requires federal agencies to prepare an **EIS** to assess the environmental impacts of federal actions that could significantly affect the human environment.*

**The human environment includes...Land, Air, Water, Living Organisms, and Cultural Resources.*

NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the social and environmental impacts of federal projects. It also requires that the public be allowed to participate in the decision making process.

NEPA allows for multiple level of analysis with an EIS being the most detailed. One of the initial steps in an EIS is to conduct Scoping Meetings.

An EIS document describes the effects from the proposed federal action as well as those from alternative actions that were considered. It also presents information on mitigation to reduce any impacts.*

** An Impact is... A change or consequence that results from an activity, it can be positive, negative or both. It may be mitigated to lessen or remove the impact.*

How Do I Submit Comments?

Comments can be provided in person to the court reporter or in writing via the comment forms provided at this meeting. During the initial scoping period which ends on June 30, 2011, additional comments can be submitted via mail or email to:

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What is a Scoping Meeting?

Scoping Meetings provide the opportunity for the public and other government agencies to gather information and provide formal oral or written comments on-the-record. Comments received during the scoping meeting will be included in the official public record along with an official response to each comment.

What is the Next Step?

After the scoping period, YPG will consider the public and agency input and prepare the Preliminary Draft PDEIS. Additional opportunities for public involvement will occur during the formal public review period for the Draft PDEIS. This public review period will last 30 days and will include a public hearing for additional public comment. The Final EIS and all comments and responses on the Draft EIS will be made available to the public.



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This Preliminary Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDPEIS) will address implementation of the Real Property Master Plan, which includes:

- Construction and demolition of facilities and infrastructure
- Changes to testing and training activities
- Changes to testing and training areas

The PDPEIS addresses two types of actions:

- Short-term, well-defined actions that would be implemented without additional NEPA analysis once a decision is made
- Long-term, less well-defined actions that would occur later in time and would receive additional site-specific NEPA analysis prior to project implementation

Why is this a Programmatic EIS?

This is a programmatic EIS because some activities are evaluated broadly and will require additional focused NEPA analysis prior to implementation.

The broad analysis in this document will form the basis for Subsequent NEPA analysis through a process called tiering.



NEPA and Social, Economic, and Environmental Issues

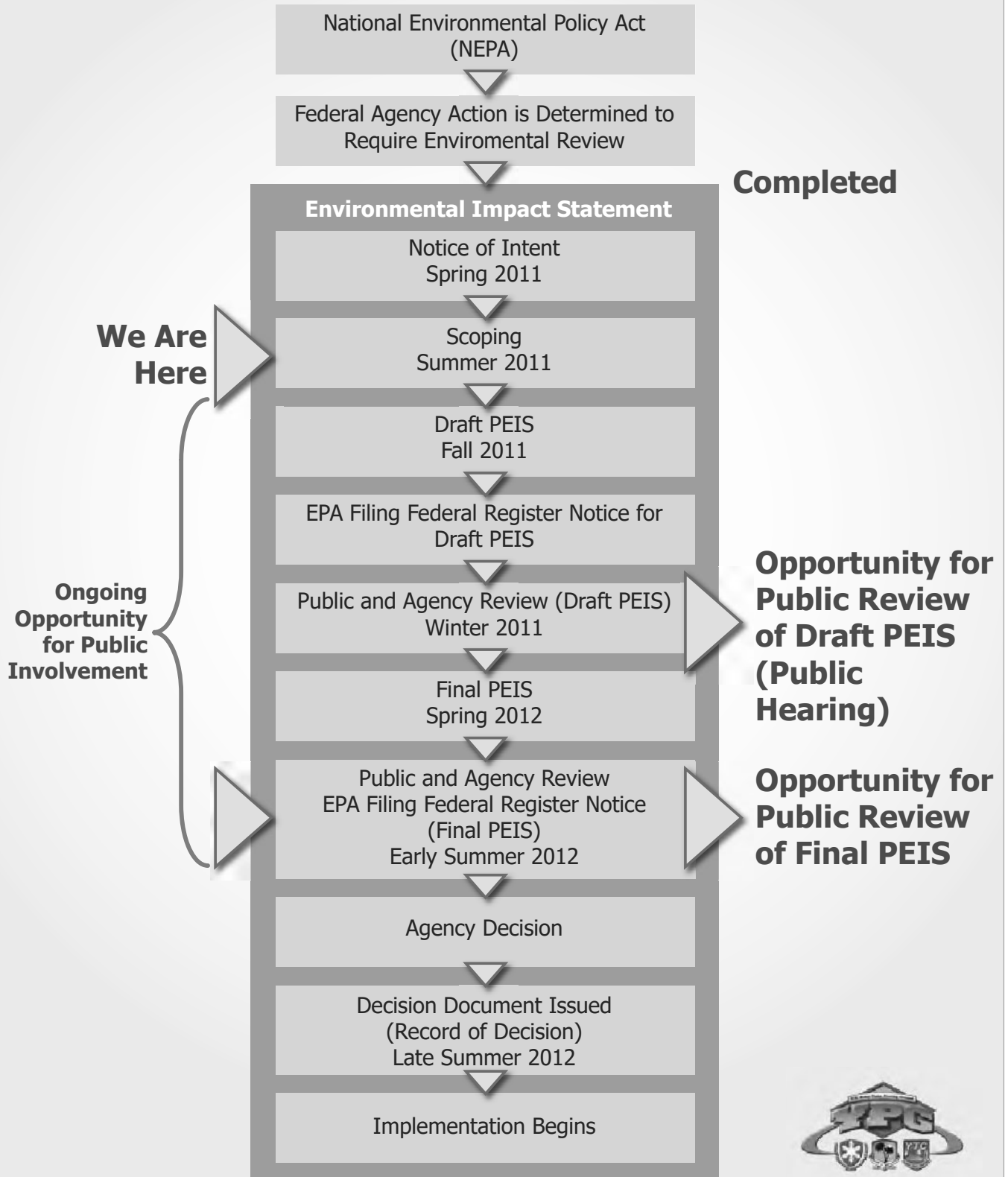
Because this is a federal action, the Yuma Proving Ground Programmatic EIS will consider the potential impacts of considered alternatives. YPG will avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse impacts to the extent practicable.

Typical resource areas evaluated include:



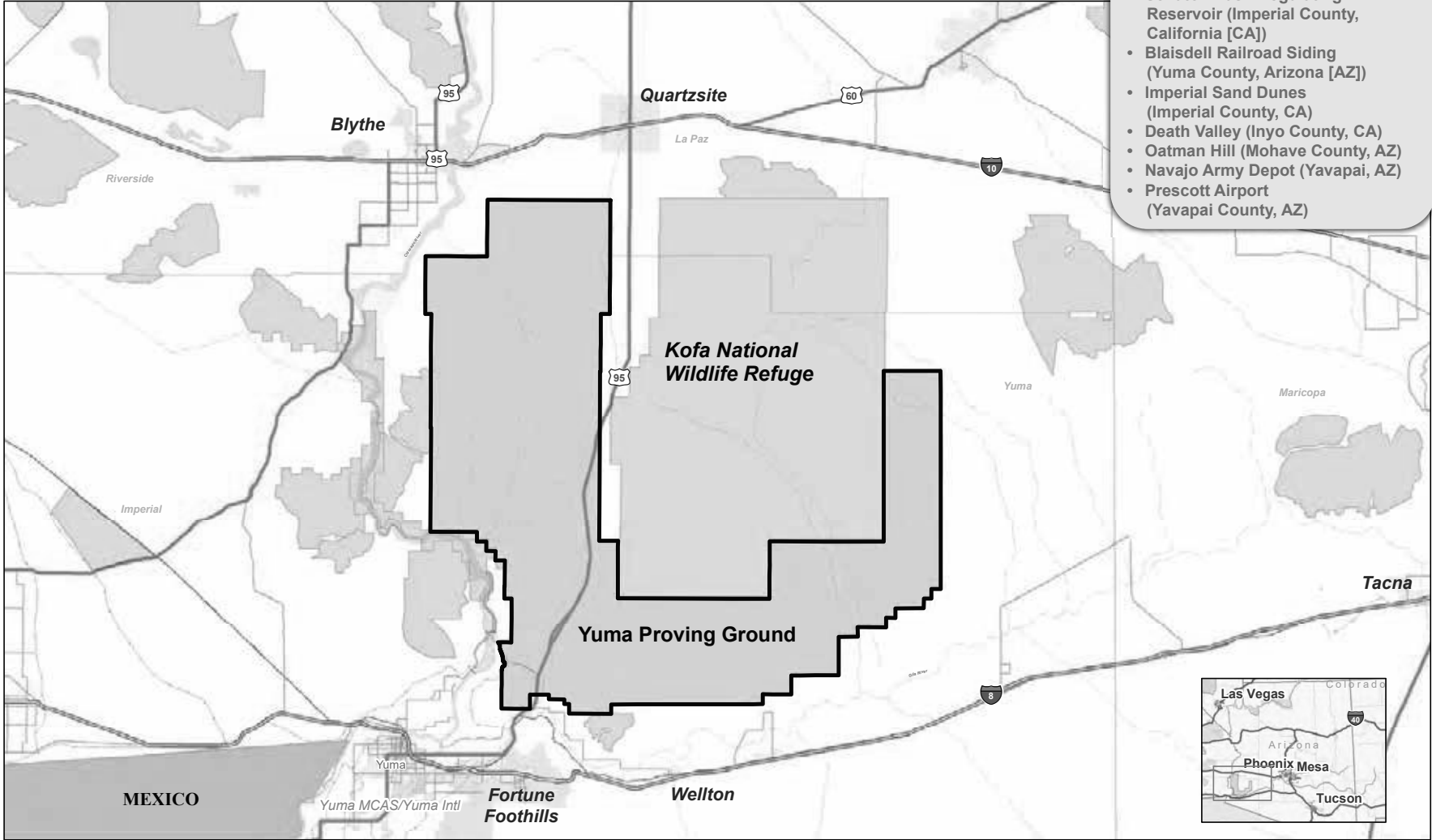
Schedule and Opportunities for Public Comment NEPA Process

Federal Environmental Review Process



Project Location

For Planning Purposes Only



- Off-post locations not included in this Programmatic EIS**
- Senator Wash Regulating Reservoir (Imperial County, California [CA])
 - Blaisdell Railroad Siding (Yuma County, Arizona [AZ])
 - Imperial Sand Dunes (Imperial County, CA)
 - Death Valley (Inyo County, CA)
 - Oatman Hill (Mohave County, AZ)
 - Navajo Army Depot (Yavapai, AZ)
 - Prescott Airport (Yavapai County, AZ)

— Limited Access Highway □ Federal Conservation Area
 — Highway □ Range Area
 — Major Road



Proposed Action

Activities Under Consideration

Under the Proposed Action, YPG will continue to operate as multipurpose installation that serves a broad customer base. Activities anticipated at YPG include:

1. New Construction and Demolition of Facilities and Infrastructure
 - Buildings
 - Runways/Helipads
 - Utilities
2. Modified/Increased Testing
 - New sensors and systems
 - Increased range and power of weapons
 - Improvements in vehicle systems
 - Combat vehicles
3. Modified/Increased Training
4. Weapons Firing/Impact Areas
 - Small Arms/Inert
 - High Explosive
 - Gun Positions



Purpose and Need

Purpose of the Proposed Action

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to enable YPG to continue to meet its military mission by providing adequate facilities and infrastructure for:

- testing military ground and aerial vehicle systems
- testing weapons, ammunition, sensors, and guidance systems
- provide realistic military training
- provide for private industry partnerships



Need for the Proposed Action

The Proposed Action would ensure the readiness of U.S. forces and materiel to meet the demands of hot arid environment theaters around the world. The project will allow YPG to maintain a facility capable of state of the art testing of military ground and aerial vehicle systems, weapons, munitions, sensors, and guidance systems; to provide realistic training, and to allow flexibility to enter into Army/private industry projects.



Natural Resources



Bienvenido a la reunión de exploración del ejército de los Estados Unidos de *Yuma Proving Ground* para la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental Programático

El ejército agradece su asistencia y sus opiniones. Por favor repase los carteles en secuencia y discuta sus preguntas e interés con los miembros del proyecto. Comentarios de ámbito público serán solicitados hasta el 30 de junio de 2011 y pueden entregarse con el taquígrafo de la corte (reportero de la corte) en la estación final. El ejército también aceptará la opinión del público durante todo el desarrollo de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental Programático (PEIS, por sus siglas en inglés).

Estación # 1 proporciona el formato de la reunión y registración.

Esta hoja de datos pretende ofrecerle a usted un entendimiento de lo que se propone en *Yuma Proving Ground* (YPG), el porqué su opinión es importante, y cómo guiarse en esta reunión de ámbito público.

Estación # 2 proporciona una visión general del proyecto.

El objetivo de la Acción Propuesta es que YPG siga cumpliendo con su misión militar proporcionando instalaciones adecuadas e infraestructura para probar sistemas y material militar, proporcionar entrenamiento militar realista y prever asociaciones con la industria privada.

Para que YPG continúe preparando a las fuerzas estadounidenses y material que cumpla con las demandas en ambientes áridos y calientes alrededor del mundo, se propone lo siguiente:

- ◆ Demolición de estructuras obsoletas
- ◆ Construcción de instalaciones e infraestructura
- ◆ Modificar o aumentar las pruebas
- ◆ Modificar o aumentar el entrenamiento
- ◆ Ubicaciones nuevas de disparo de armas
- ◆ Expansión de áreas de impacto de municiones

Estación # 3 proporciona información sobre la NEPA y EIS.

El proceso de exploración oficialmente solicita su opinión a las partes interesadas en las actividades previstas. La Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (NEPA, por sus siglas en inglés) requiere que las agencias preparen una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental (EIS, por sus siglas en inglés) para evaluar los impactos ambientales de las acciones

federales que podrían afectar significativamente el medio ambiente humano. Para YPG, el ejército preparará un EIS programático (PEIS en lugar de un EIS estándar) porque algunas actividades requerirán un análisis más centrado en la NEPA antes de su implementación. Planteará la construcción, demolición, decisiones a corto plazo, las decisiones a largo plazo y cambios a las pruebas y actividades de entrenamiento. Versiones borrador y finales del PEIS estarán disponibles al público para su revisión antes de tomar una decisión.

Estación # 4 se centra en cuestiones de recursos.

El ejército está buscando información sobre cuestiones tales como los recursos culturales, energía y utilidades, residuos peligrosos y materiales peligrosos, uso de la tierra, ruido, seguridad, terreno, vegetación, recursos visuales, vida silvestre y especies en amenaza y peligro de extinción. Otras cuestiones adicionales se incluyen en esta estación.

Estación # 5 proporciona un reportero de la corte para anotar sus comentarios verbales.

Esperamos que esta reunión ayude a aclarar sus preguntas e intereses que le gustaría ver resueltos en el análisis ambiental. Por favor proporcione sus comentarios al reportero de la corte. También puede enviar sus comentarios por escrito por medio de correo o por correo electrónico a:

Sergio Obregon

Coordinador de la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental
U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground
IMWE-YMA-PWE

301 C Street

Yuma, AZ 85365-9498

Correo electrónico: ypgnepa@conus.army.mil

Todos los comentarios que sean recibidos con fecha hasta el día 30 de junio de 2011 recibirán una respuesta en el borrador del PEIS. Para preguntas generales sobre el proyecto, por favor llame a **Sergio Obregon** al (928) 328-2015 de 6:30 AM a 5:00 P.M., del lunes a jueves.



Welcome to the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground

Public Scoping Meeting for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

The Army appreciates your attendance and welcomes your input. Please review the posters in sequence and discuss your questions and concerns with project team members. Public scoping comments will be solicited through June 30, 2011 and can be submitted at this meeting through the court reporter at the final station. The Army will also accept public input throughout the development of the PEIS.

Station #1 provides the meeting format and sign-in.

This fact sheet is intended to provide you with an understanding of what is being proposed at YPG, why your input is important, and how to navigate this open house-style public scoping meeting.

Station #2 provides a project overview.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to enable Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) to continue to meet its military mission by providing adequate facilities and infrastructure to test military materials and systems, provide realistic military training, and provide for private industry partnerships.

In order for YPG to continue to ready U.S. forces and materiel to meet the demands of hot arid environment theaters around the world, the following is being proposed:

- ◆ Demolition of obsolete structures
- ◆ Construction of facilities and Infrastructure
- ◆ Modified or Increased Testing
- ◆ Modified or Increased Training
- ◆ New Weapons firing locations
- ◆ Expanded Munitions Impact Areas

Station #3 provides NEPA and EIS information. The scoping process officially seeks input from stakeholders on the intended activities. The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the environmental impacts of federal actions that could significantly affect the human environment. For YPG, the Army will prepare a programmatic EIS

(PEIS rather than a standard EIS) because some activities will require additional focused NEPA analysis prior to implementation. It will address construction, demolition, short-term decisions, long-term decisions, and changes to testing and training activities. Draft and final versions of the PEIS will be made available to the public for review before a decision is made.

Station #4 focuses on resource issues.

The Army is seeking input on issues such as cultural resources, energy/utilities, hazardous materials/hazardous waste, land use, noise, safety, soils, vegetation, visual resources, wildlife, and sensitive species. Additional issues are included at Station #4.

Station #5 provides a court reporter to record your verbal comments. We hope this meeting helps to clarify your questions and concerns that you would like to see addressed in the environmental analysis. Please provide your comments to the court reporter. Or you may submit written comments by mail or email to:

Sergio Obregon

National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator
U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground,
IMWE-YMA-PWE
301 C Street
Yuma, AZ 85365-9498
email: ypgnepa@conus.army.mil

All comments received by June 30, 2011 will receive a response in the Draft PEIS. For general questions about the project, please contact **Chuck Wullenjohn** at (928) 328-6189 from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.



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PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RESULTING
FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY MASTER PLAN
AT YUMA PROVING GROUND NORTHEAST OF YUMA, ARIZONA.


STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF YUMA)

I, MICHELE E. BALMER, Certified Reporter No. 50489 for the State of Arizona, do hereby certify:

1. That on June 14, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., I was present at the public meeting held at the YPG Desert Breeze Travel Camp Community Center, Yuma, Arizona, and that no public comment was received;
2. That on June 15, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., I was present at the public meeting held at the Yuma Main Library, 2951 South 21st Drive, Yuma, Arizona, and that no public comment was received;

DATED at Yuma, Arizona this 17th day of June, 2011.

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Scoping Report

Introduction

A Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) is being prepared by the U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (YPG), in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) at the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) northeast of Yuma, Arizona.

Scoping meetings were conducted to allow stakeholders and the public to identify significant concerns or issues they have with the Proposed Actions described in the PEIS or to suggest other alternatives to the Proposed Action which should be considered. This report includes a synopsis of the scoping meetings, a listing of the concerns and issues that were raised, an evaluation of those issues, and recommendations for addressing those concerns and issues.

Meeting Synopsis

Four meetings were held as part of the scoping process. The project was presented to potentially interested tribal governments on June 8 as part of a larger tribal meeting at YPG. A scoping meeting was held at 3:00PM at YPG on June 14 for the state and federal agencies and local governmental entities with potential interest in the EIS process. The Arizona Fish and Game Department (FGD) and the Laguna Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) also attended the meeting, as well as representatives of the Colorado River Indian Tribe. Two public meetings were held for citizens on June 14 and June 15. Both meetings took place from 6:00-8:00PM. One meeting was conducted on YPG and was open to the public, and one was held at the Yuma public library. Representatives from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), FGD, and City of Yuma who were unable to attend the June 14 meeting attended the June 15 meeting.

Notifications for the agency meeting were sent via two letters to individual agencies, political representatives, and tribal governments. Notifications to the public occurred via a Notice of Intent published on May 25, 2011, in the Federal Register, a press release in both English and Spanish, and a Public Notice advertisement published in local news publications, including the Yuma Sun Newspaper, Bajo El Sol (Spanish language newspaper), Quartzite Desert Messenger, and the Outpost (YPG base publication). A press release was also distributed to area radio and television outlets.

Summary

Several issues were raised by stakeholders who attended the scoping meetings. At the agency scoping meeting at YPG on June 14 Troy Smith, of the Arizona FGD, mentioned several issues his agency typically considers with projects. These include:

- Public access to hunting areas, or changes to hunting seasons
- Impacts to sensitive habitats such as desert washes, mesquite bosques, dunes, mountains, or big horn sheep habitat
- Cumulative impacts that would occur on a large scale to wildlife over the next 20 years
- Interruptions to the survey periods of sheep and mule deer
- Any activities that might occur in waters used by wildlife
- Any activities that might impact or break linkages of habitat (such as roads)
- Activities that may spread invasive species

- Activities that would impact the ability of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to manage wild horses or burros

Once the Draft EIS is prepared, Arizona FGD would like the opportunity to review the document.

It was noted that BLM is currently managing an experimental population of Sonoran pronghorn which will eventually be released in the YPG vicinity.

Sheryl Christenson, from the Laguna NRCD, indicated several concerns on behalf of her organization. She expressed interest in any construction projects, including utility lines, which may impact farmland adjacent to YPG, minimization of PM-10 for air quality considerations, and dust control measures.

Elliott George Ray, a representative from the CRIT Museum at the Colorado River Indian Tribe, indicated that they would like to review the materials and provide written comments if they identified any concerns.

It was suggested by attendees that the following be included on stakeholder lists for the project going forward:

- The Welton Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District
- The Barry Goldwater Range NRCD
- Nearby wildlife refuges
- Winter visitors who frequent the Quartzite area
- The local Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club

In addition to the cumulative impacts concerns raised by Arizona FGD, several other projects were discussed which stakeholders attending the meeting thought should be considered for cumulative impacts. They include:

- Proposed solar plants at White Wing Ranch near Palomas Mountains and The Quartzite Solar Project (10 miles north of Quartzite). A draft EIS has recently been published for the project near Quartzite.
- Proposed 500 kV transmission line planned for 2014, to be constructed by APS
- Widening project for Highway 95, which has been taken off the 5-year short-term plan and has been postponed to a 2015-2016 at the earliest but will include a bridge over Fortuna Wash.
- Secure border projects-communication tower projects at various locations along the border.

The public scoping meetings were held on June 14 and 15 at YPG and at the public library. One person attended the meeting on June 14, and four people attended the meeting on June 15. Representatives from the USFWS, FGD, and City of Yuma were among the attendees of the June 15 public meeting.

The City of Yuma requested information on any actions proposed in the PEIS that would extend beyond the current boundaries of YPD or any proposed expansion of the installation. The USFWS representative expressed concern with the lack of a buffer between one of the proposed impact areas in Kofa and the adjacent NWR.

Testimony

Neither the public meeting on June 14 nor the public meeting on June 15 produced any public comments. The court reporter affidavit of the meeting is presented in Appendix A.

Conclusions and Recommendations

No significant issues or concerns were raised by the attendees of the meetings. Where practicable, issues raised by attendees and projects mentioned for potential cumulative impacts were incorporated into the Preliminary Draft PEIS. All attendees expressed interest in receiving a copy of the draft document once it has been prepared. At that time (i.e. once details of the projects are available), additional comments on the project are expected.

Two issues were raised which will require additional consideration by YPG during development of the PEIS:

- 1). USFWS expressed concern with the lack of buffer between a proposed impact area and the adjacent wildlife refuge. Adjustment of the boundaries of the proposed impact area should be considered.
- 2). The scoping meeting was held during the summer when many seasonal residents are not present in Quartzite. An effort should be made to hold the next opportunity for formal public comment, the public hearing on the draft document, during the winter.

Appendix A – Transcript of Meeting

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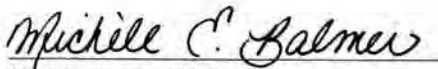
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Appendix B – Agency Meeting – June 14th List of Attendees

Name	Agency	Address	Phone	Email
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Troy Smith	AFGD	9140 E 28 th St, Yuma AZ	928-341-4068	trsmith@azgfd.gov
Chuck Harper	YPG PEO		928-328-2635	Charles.G.Harper@us.army.mil
Lisa Swick	CRIT Museum Colorado River Indian Tribe	1007 AZ Ave	928-669-8790	CRIT.Museum@yahoo.com
Elliott George Ray	CRIT Museum Colorado River Indian Tribe			
Sheryl Christenson	Laguna NRCD			

Appendix C – Public Meeting – June 14th List of Attendees

Name	Address	Phone	Email
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Appendix D – Public Meeting – June 15th List of Attendees

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Bill Knowles	9140 E 25 th St, Yuma AZ	928-341-4047	bknowles@az.yuma.gov
Joseph Barnett	12435 E Patricia Dr, Yuma AZ	928-983-3371	Joseph.barnett@fws.gov

Appendix D – Meeting Notice

U.S. ARMY YUMA PROVING GROUND NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Chuck Wullenjohn
Public Affairs Office
Telephone: (928) 328-6189

Yuma, Arizona - The United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground intends to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the Real Property Master Plan at the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) northeast of Yuma, Arizona. The Notice of Intent (NOI) for the PEIS was published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2011.

The project will allow YPG to maintain a facility capable of state of the art testing of military ground and aerial vehicle systems, weapons, munitions, sensors, and guidance systems; to provide realistic training, and to allow flexibility to enter into legally permissible Army/private industry projects where such projects are compatible with the military mission of YPG. Renewable energy initiatives will be discussed in the PEIS, but project-specific NEPA analysis will be required prior to implementing specific renewable energy initiatives. YPG would undertake construction and demolition projects (primarily within cantonment areas), continue existing testing and training activities, and expand some testing and training areas and activities. No expansion of YPG would result from the proposed action. New construction would include a variety of facilities to meet the demand and space needed to meet mission requirements.

A public meeting will be held on YPG from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Building 6, the Desert Breeze Travel Camp Community Center, located on the main administrative area off of Imperial Dam Road on Tuesday June 14, 2011. A second public meeting will be held at the Yuma Public Library, 2951 South 21st Drive, Yuma AZ, 85364 on Wednesday June 15, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Draft and final versions of the PEIS will be made available to the public for review and comment when completed. The scoping process officially begins with the publication of the NOI in the Federal Register. Public scoping comments will be solicited through June 30, 2011. YPG will also accept public input throughout the NEPA process. All interested parties are invited to attend the public meetings and to submit comments or questions by mail to Sergio Obregon, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, IMWE-YMA-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498, or e-mail ypgnepa@conus.army.mil. By phone, contact Chuck Wullenjohn at (928) 328-6189 from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

EJERCITO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE YUMA PROVING GROUND COMUNICADO DE PRENSA

PARA DIFUSIÓN INMEDIATA

CONTACTO: Chuck Wullenjohn
Oficina de Asuntos Públicos
Teléfono: (928) 328-6189

Yuma, Arizona - El ejército de los Estados Unidos tiene la intención de preparar una Declaración de Programación de Impacto Ambiental (PEIS, por sus siglas en inglés) en conformidad con la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (NEPA, por sus siglas en inglés) para la adopción e implementación del Plan Maestro de Propiedad Real (RPMP, por sus siglas en inglés) en Yuma Proving Ground (YPG, por sus siglas en inglés), AZ. La PEIS analizará la propuesta de construcción, las pruebas y actividades de capacitación. Todas las acciones bajo consideración estarán dentro de los límites existentes de YPG.

Yuma Proving Ground es un desierto caliente y centro de evaluación esencial para la preparación militar. Abarca más de 1.300 de millas cuadradas con unos 350 días soleados y alrededor de tres pulgadas de lluvia al año. Ingenieros, científicos y personal técnico llevan a cabo pruebas en sus instalaciones de prueba y realizan más de 100 pruebas y evaluaciones en cualquier momento dado. También se discutirán iniciativas de energía renovable en la PEIS, pero el análisis de la NEPA específico del proyecto será necesario antes de la implementación de iniciativas de energía renovable específica.

Se invita al público a participar en el proceso de exploración para esta PEIS. Se programarán dos reuniones de exploración y alcance público después de la publicación de un Aviso de Intención (NOI, por sus siglas en inglés) en el Registro Federal. La notificación de las reuniones se anunciará en los medios locales. Todas las partes interesadas están invitadas a asistir a las reuniones públicas y a enviar comentarios o preguntas por correo a Sergio Obregon, Coordinador de la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental a U.S Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, IMWE-YMA-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498, o por correo electrónico al ypgnepa@conus.army.mil. Por teléfono, llame a Chuck Wullenjohn al (928) 328-6189 de 6:30 am a 5:00 pm, de lunes a jueves.

El proceso de exploración oficialmente comienza con la publicación de la NOI en el Registro Federal. Se solicitarán comentarios del público durante 30 días después de la publicación o hasta 15 días después de la última reunión, cualquiera que sea la fecha posterior. YPG también aceptará comentarios públicos durante todo el proceso de la NEPA.

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Education Division conducted a formal section 7 consultation under the ESA. On November 18, 2008, NMFS issued a Biological Opinion (2008 BiOp) and concluded that the issuance of an IHA is likely to affect, but not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Steller sea lions. NMFS has also issued an incidental take statement (ITS) for Steller sea lions pursuant to section 7 of the ESA. The ITS contains reasonable and prudent measures for implementing terms and conditions to minimize the effects of this take. NMFS has reviewed the 2008 BiOp and determined that there is no new information regarding effects to Steller sea lions; the action has not been modified in a manner which would cause adverse effects not previously evaluated; there has been no new listing of species or no new designation of critical habitat that could be affected by the action; and the action will not exceed the extent or amount of incidental take authorized in the 2008 BiOp. Therefore, the proposed IHA does not require the reinitiation of Section 7 consultation under the ESA.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

To meet NMFS' NEPA requirements for the issuance of an IHA to PRBO, NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2007 that was specific to seabird research activities on SEFI, WEI, ANL and PRNS and evaluated the impacts on the human environment of NMFS' authorization of incidental Level B harassment resulting from seabird research in Central California. 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 (FONSI) and, therefore, it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement for the issuance of an IHA to PRBO for this activity. In 2008, NMFS prepared a supplemental EA (SEA) titled "Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization to Take Marine Mammals by Harassment Incidental to Conducting Seabird and Pinniped Research in Central California and Environmental Assessment for the Continuation of Scientific Research on Pinnipeds in California Under Scientific Research Permit 373-1868-00," to address new available information regarding the effects of PRBO's seabird and pinniped research activities that may have cumulative impacts to the physical and biological environment. At that time, NMFS concluded that issuance of an IHA for the December

2008 through 2009 season would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and issued a FONSI for the 2008 SEA regarding PRBO's activities. In conjunction with this year's application, NMFS has again reviewed the 2007 EA and the 2008 SEA and determined that there are no new direct, indirect or cumulative impacts to the human and natural environment associated with the IHA requiring evaluation in a supplemental EA and NMFS, therefore, reaffirms the 2008 FONSI. A copy of the EA, SEA, and the NMFS FONSI for this activity is available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: May 20, 2011.

James H. Lecky,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Real Property Master Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army intends to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from adoption and implementation of a Real Property Master Plan (RPMP), including test areas and training activities at Yuma Proving Ground.

ADDRESSES: For questions concerning the RPMP PEIS, please contact Mr. Sergio Obregon, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, IMWE-YMA-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498. Written comments may be mailed to that address or e-mailed to ypgnepa@conus.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Wullenjohn, Yuma Proving Ground Public Affairs Office, at (928) 328-6189 Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Yuma Proving Ground consists of approximately 840,000 acres of DoD-managed land in the Sonoran Desert in southwestern Arizona and occupies portions of Yuma and La Paz counties. The mission at Yuma Proving Ground is ensuring the readiness of U. S. forces

and materiel to perform in hot arid conditions around the world. This requires rigorous testing of ground and aerial vehicles, weapons, munitions, sensors, and guidance systems and realistic training. The U.S. has been engaged in hostile conflicts in environments similar to those found at Yuma Proving Ground, resulting in a need for increased testing of existing and developing military equipment, vehicles, and munitions under these environmental conditions. To meet these needs, the U.S. Army intends to prepare a RPMP PEIS at Yuma Proving Ground to analyze potential impacts from new construction, changes in testing and training, and activities conducted under private industry partnerships. Renewable energy initiatives will also be discussed in the PEIS, but project-specific NEPA analysis will be required prior to implementing specific renewable energy initiatives.

Alternatives will consist of alternative siting locations for certain activities within Yuma Proving Ground and different magnitudes of implementation with regard to spatial extent of potential impacts and frequency and duration of specific events. The EIS will also analyze the No Action Alternative, under which no new construction would occur and there would be no changes in testing and training activities conducted at Yuma Proving Ground.

No changes are proposed to activities conducted at off-post areas in Arizona and California that are used for specific testing activities under conditions not found at Yuma Proving Ground. Therefore, these areas would not be considered in the development of alternatives for the RPMP PEIS.

All activities under consideration would be conducted within the boundaries of the installation. Resource areas that may be impacted include air quality, airspace, traffic, noise, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomics, utilities, land use, and solid and hazardous materials/waste. Impacts to these resources may occur as a result of converting existing land use to support military testing and training or from increasing the scope or magnitude of testing and training activities. The analysis will also consider the potential for cumulative environmental effects.

The public will be invited to participate in the scoping process to provide input on the proposed action and alternatives, which will be evaluated in the PEIS. After publication of the Notice of Intent to prepare the PEIS, the Army will schedule at least two public meetings to provide information about the proposed action

and alternatives and to solicit input and feedback from the public on issues to be addressed in the PEIS. Meetings will be announced in local media. The public will also be invited to review and comment on the Draft PEIS when it is released. Comments from the public will be considered before any decision is made regarding implementing the proposed action.

Brenda S. Bowen,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer,
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Public Scoping Meeting and Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project in Liberty County and Harris County, TX

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, has received a permit application for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) from the Coastal Water Authority (SWG-2009-00188) for the proposed Coastal Water Authority's Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project located in eastern Liberty County with the 26.5-mile corridor extending southwestward from the Trinity River to a discharge point near the confluence of Luce Bayou with Lake Houston. The primary Federal involvement associated with the proposed action is the discharge or dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands, and the construction of structures that may affect navigable waters. Federal authorizations for the proposed project would constitute a "major federal action." Based on the potential impacts, both individually and cumulatively, the Corps intends to prepare an Environmental Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act to render a final decision on the permit applications.

The Corps' decision will be to either issue, issue with modification or deny Department of the Army permits for the proposed action. The EIS will assess the potential social, economic and

environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the interbasin conveyance, associated facilities, and appurtenances and is intended to be sufficient in scope to address Federal, State and local requirements, environmental issues concerning the proposed action, and permit reviews.

DATES: The scoping period will commence with the publication of this notice. The formal scoping period will end 60 days after the publication of this notice. Comments regarding issues relative to the proposed project should be received.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods: *Mail:* Jayson M. Hudson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229; *Fax:* (409) 766-3931 or *E-mail:*

Jayson.m.hudson@usace.army.mil.

Emailed comments, including attachments, should be provided in .doc, .docx, .pdf or .txt formats.

Documents pertinent to the proposed project may be examined at <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/reg/eis.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jayson Hudson, (409) 766-3108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Galveston District intends to prepare a DEIS on the proposed Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project which is the proposed transfer of water from the Trinity River in Liberty County to Lake Houston in Harris County, TX. The Coastal Water Authority proposed this project and is the applicant for the Department of the Army permit (DA) SWG-2009-00188.

1. *Project Background:* The Coastal Water Authority is proposing to convey up to 400 million gallons of water per day (MGD) under gravity in accordance with the City of Houston's existing water rights permit from the Trinity River to Lake Houston, a distance of approximately 26.5 miles. The Trinity River water would be conveyed from the proposed pump station through large diameter pipelines to a sediment storage and settling basin and then through an earthen canal to outfall at the Lake Houston discharge point. The canal would have side berms and there would be an access road, drainage ditches, and perimeter fencing surrounding the water conveyance canal. The proposed project consists of the following:

a. A new water pumping station will be constructed on the Trinity River at Capers Ridge approximately 10 miles north of Dayton, TX.

b. Dual, 108-inch diameter force mains will be constructed extending from the Capers Ridge pump station

approximately 3.5 miles to the west and southwest to outfall to the sedimentation settling basin.

c. An approximate 20-acre sedimentation settling and storage basin.

d. An approximate 23.5 mile clay-lined earthen canal with 4:1 side slopes within a 300-foot easement that would include access roads, berms, chain link perimeter fencing, flow control structures, and metering stations.

e. Box culverts at canal and roadway crossings and multiple bawl-ground siphons constructed to facilitate wildlife movement and maintain existing hydrology along the canal conveyance system.

f. An approximate 10-acre maintenance facility located approximately 6 miles north of Dayton, TX.

g. Discharge structure along the southeastern shoreline of Lake Houston.

2. *Scoping and Public Involvement Process:* A Public Notice was published on April 19, 2010 to initiate the public scoping process for the proposed project. At that time, based on information provided by the Applicant, a preliminary review indicated that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was not required. However, based on continuing permit assessment and information brought forth during the initial coordination process, areas of potential significant impact on the human environment have been identified. Therefore, the EIS process is being implemented so that the permit application can be fully evaluated and a permit decision can be made. All comments received to date, including those provided for review during the initial scoping process, will be considered by the Galveston District during EIS preparation. The purpose of the EIS scoping meeting is to gather information on the subjects to be studied in detail by the EIS.

3. *Purpose and Need.* The basic purpose of the proposed action is to provide drinking water for the City of Houston and surrounding area. The overall purpose is to provide drinking water utilizing water rights currently held by the City of Houston in the Trinity River. The Corps recognizes that there is a public and private need for drinking water.

4. *Alternatives.* An evaluation of alternatives to the Applicant's preferred alternative initially being considered includes a No Action alternative, alternatives that would avoid, minimize and compensate for impacts to the aquatic environment within the project right-of-way, alternatives that would avoid, minimize and compensate for



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April 24, 2012

Environmental Sciences Division

Ms. Caroline Antone
Cultural Resources Manager
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 West Peters and Nall Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85239

Dear Ms. Antone:

U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) has prepared a Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) that will allow the Garrison to maintain a facility capable of state of the art testing on military ground, to provide realistic training, and to allow flexibility to enter into legally permissible Army/private industry projects where such projects are compatible with the military mission. Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) would undertake construction and demolition projects (primarily within cantonment areas), continue existing testing and training activities, and expand some testing and training areas and activities within the installation boundaries. No expansion of YPG would result from the proposed action. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on project milestones and upcoming meetings.

U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground is preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the PEIS is to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the RPMP at the USAG YPG northeast of Yuma, Arizona.

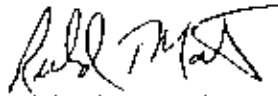
A Notice of Intent to prepare a PEIS was published on May 25, 2011 in the Federal Register. Subsequent to this publication, YPG presented the PEIS concept at a Tribal Consultation Meeting at YPG on June 8, 2011. An initial scoping meeting for interested agencies and tribes was conducted on the afternoon of June 14 at YPG's Main Administrative Area, with initial public scoping meetings held later that evening and the following day. Since that time, YPG has been finalizing the RPMP and working to identify reasonable alternatives that would meet mission requirements.

We anticipate initiating the Section 106 consultation process, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), during the summer of 2012. During this phase of consultation USAG YPG plans to focus on individual undertakings covered in the RPMP that are (1) within previously disturbed areas, (2) within areas that have had previous Section 106 consultation, and (3) within areas that are currently being surveyed prior to completion of the PEIS. For other undertakings included in the RPMP where the effects of its implementation on historic properties cannot be fully determined at this time (e.g., undertakings that span multiple years), USAG YPG is drafting a Programmatic Agreement per 36 CFR 800.14(b)(3). Initial Section 106 consultation meetings are anticipated to be held this summer.

We also anticipate inviting you or your representative to participate in Government-to-Government meetings to obtain your feedback on the Proposed Action and alternative actions presented in the PEIS. Following the Government-to-Government consultation identified above, the Army will make the PEIS available to the public for a 45-day review. The Army will continue Government-to-Government consultation throughout this period, as necessary.

We look forward to meeting with you in the near future and welcome your comments. Please direct comments or questions regarding the PEIS to the NEPA Coordinator, 1MYM-PWE, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma, 301 C Street, Yuma AZ 85365-9498, facsimile (928) 328-6696, telephone (928) 328-2015, or email ypgnepa@conus.army.mil, or any questions regarding Section 106 consultation to the Cultural Resources Manager, Dr. Meg McDonald, (928) 328-2520, alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Martin". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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May 7, 2012

Richard T. Martin, Garrison Manager
Attention: NEPA Coordinator IMYM-PWE; Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager
Department of the Army, US Army Installation Management Command
Headquarters, United States Army Garrison, Yuma
301 C Street
Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498

Dear Mr. Martin,

This letter is in response to your correspondence April 24, 2012, regarding Yuma Proving Ground having prepared a Real Property Master Plan. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate Yuma Proving Ground's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office has stated that we appreciate that the Yuma Proving Ground is identifying historic properties in potential use areas, and we are interested in consulting on any proposal that has the potential to adversely affect prehistoric cultural resources on the Yuma Proving Ground. In the enclosed letter dated May 9, 2011, we stated we are interested in receiving a copy for review and comment of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, and the updates on cultural and natural resource management on these lands.

We appreciate that Yuma Proving Ground is extremely interested in avoiding and not damaging places of tribal concern and significance. We understand National Historic Preservation Act consultations on the implementation of Real Property Master Plan will begin with individual undertakings that are within previously disturbed areas, areas that have had previous consultation, and areas that are currently being surveyed. We also understand that a Programmatic Agreement is being drafted for other areas.

Therefore, we look forward to continuing consultation on the implementation of the Real Property Master Plan, including being provided with copies of the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, draft Programmatic Agreement, and cultural resource survey reports for review and comment. If prehistoric sites are identified that will be adversely affected by project activities, we request consultation on any proposed treatment plans as well. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



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Tribal Consultation Response Letter

Date: 06-07-2012

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Company: US Army Installation Management Command Headquarters US Army Garrison Yuma

Address: 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498

Project Name#: YPG has prepared a Real Property Master Plan that will allow the Garrison to maintain a facility capable of state of the art testing on military ground

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under Section 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are replying to the above referenced project. Please see the appropriate marked circle, including the signatures of Vernelda Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), and the concurrence of the Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe:

NO INTEREST/NO FURTHER CONSULTATION _____ (sign & date)

I have determined that there is not a likelihood of eligible properties of religious and cultural significance to the San Carlos Apache Tribe in the proposed project area.

CONCURRENCE WITH REPORT FINDINGS & THANK YOU V Grant 07/11/12 (sign & date)

REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION V Grant 07/11/12 (sign & date)

I require additional information in order to provide a finding of effect for this proposed undertaking, i.e. Project description ___ Map ___ Photos ___ Other SCAT-THPO looking forward to

NO EFFECT _____ (sign & date) consulting w/ YPG in near future.

I have determined that there are no properties of religious and cultural significance to the San Carlos Apache Tribe that are listed on the National Register within the area of potential effect or that the proposed project will have no effect on any such properties that may be present.

NO ADVERSE EFFECT _____ (sign & date)

Properties of cultural and religious significance within the area of effect have been identified that are eligible for listing in the National Register for which there would be no adverse effect as a result of the proposed project.

ADVERSE EFFECT _____ (sign & date)

I have identified properties of cultural and religious significance within the area of potential effect that are eligible for listing in the National Register. I believe the proposed project would cause an adverse effect on these properties. Please contact the THPO for further discussion.

STIPULATION: We were taught traditionally not to disturb the natural world in a significant way, and that to do so may cause harm to oneself or one's family. Apache resources can be best protected by managing the land to be as natural as it was in pre-1870s settlement times. Please contact the THPO, if there is a change in any portion of all previously discussed projects. Thank you for contacting the San Carlos Apache Tribe, your effort is greatly appreciated.

CONCURRENCE: Terry Rambler
Terry Rambler, Tribal Chairman

7/13/12
Date



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June 27, 2012

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. Charles Wood
Chairman Wood
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 1976
Havasu Lake, California 92363

Dear Chairman Wood:

Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as codified in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations Part 800 (36 CFR 800), the United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) is inviting the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe to consult on a Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Programmatic Agreement (PA) for operational activities. U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground has determined that a PA is an appropriate Program Alternative, as defined in 36 CFR 800.1, for cultural resources management at the Garrison.

U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground is currently developing a Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) that will detail many short- and long-term goals of the Garrison. Through the RPMP process, USAG YPG has determined that a PA, developed through consultation with your Tribe and other interested Tribes, is appropriate. The PA will address preferred management strategies for historic properties that may be affected by implementation of the RPMP and other undertakings not captured in the RPMP that may occur, including training exercises, supported component activities, and basic maintenance and repair activities. Although the USAG YPG goal of the PA is to establish consultation procedures for the broader spectrum of typical undertakings on the Garrison, including the RPMP short- and long-term plans, a finalized PA would benefit the Garrison if completed during the development of the RPMP.

Signatories to the Section 106 PA will be USAG YPG and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer, as well as the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation should they wish to participate. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1)(i)(C) USAG YPG has invited the Advisory Council to participate in the consultation. Initial Section 106 consultation meetings to discuss the draft PA, RPMP, and its Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement are planned for the week of August 20, 2012; at that time, discussions about the goals and intentions of the PA and RPMP will occur. A draft meeting agenda is enclosed.

U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground is able to assist with travel expenses and accommodations in order to make the trip feasible for you and an additional Tribal representative you designate. Enclosed are driving directions from Yuma to the Palm Garden on the Main Administrative Area of Yuma Proving Ground where the meeting will be held. Follow-up phone calls will be made by Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager, to confirm your

attendance and assist with travel arrangements. If the Tribe cannot send a representative to the meeting, we will make other consultation arrangements with your office. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation. A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Ronald Escobar, Secretary-Treasurer.

With this letter, USAG YPG is inviting your participation in the Section 106 process, and, more specifically, we are seeking your input regarding your knowledge of properties of religious or cultural significance that could be impacted by implementation of the RPMP. I look forward to consulting with you on the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, the Real Property Master Plan, and matters of importance to your Tribe. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Cultural Resources Manager, Dr. Meg McDonald, at alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil or (928) 328-2520.

Sincerely,



Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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July 5, 2011

Richard T. Martin, Garrison Manager
Attention: Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager IMWE-YMA-PWE
Department of the Army, US Army Installation Management Command
Headquarters, United States Army Garrison, Yuma
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Dear Mr. Martin,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated June 27, 2012, regarding Yuma Proving Ground preparing a programmatic agreement pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act for the implementation of the Real Property Master Plan, and a consultation meeting scheduled for the week of August 20, 2012. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate Yuma Proving Ground's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

In a letter dated May 9, 2011 regarding the Real Property Master Plan, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office stated that we appreciate that the Yuma Proving Ground is identifying historic properties in potential use areas, and we are interested in consulting on any proposal that has the potential to adversely affect prehistoric cultural resources on the Proving Ground. In a letter dated May 7, 2012, we stated that we understood implementation of the Real Property Management Plan would be with individual undertakings that are within previously disturbed areas, and areas that are currently being surveyed.

We will be unable to send a representative to the meeting the week of August 20th. We appreciate that Yuma Proving Ground is extremely interested in avoiding and not damaging places of tribal concern and significance. Regarding the proposed programmatic agreement, we defer to the State Historic Preservation Office and other interested tribes. However, we reiterate that if prehistoric cultural resources are identified that will be adversely affected by project activities, please provide us with a copy of any proposed treatment plans for review and comment. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Leighi Kurawwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosures: May 9, 2011, May 7, 2012, letters
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June 27, 2012

Environmental Sciences Division

Ms. Katharine Kerr
Program Analyst
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Dear Ms. Kerr:

Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as codified in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations Part 800 (36 CFR 800), the United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) is initiating consultation on a Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Programmatic Agreement (PA) for operational activities. U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground has determined that a PA is an appropriate Program Alternative, as defined in 36 CFR 800.1, for cultural resources management at the Garrison. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1)(i)(C), this letter is our invitation to the Advisory Council to participate in the consultation.

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Per 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2), USAG YPG has invited 14 Native American tribes to participate as consulting parties in the Section 106 process for both the PA and the RPMP, including the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, the Cocopah Indian Tribe, the Colorado

River Indian Tribes, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Community, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, the Gila River Indian Community, the Hopi Tribe, the Quechan Tribe, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Tohono O'Odham Nation, the Yavapai-Apache Nation , and the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe.

Please send your response to this invitation to consult and if you plan to attend the consultation meetings via mail, fax, or email to Dr. Meg McDonald, Environmental Sciences Division (IMYM-PWE), 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9495, fax: (928) 328-6696, or email: alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil. Enclosed are driving directions from Yuma to the Palm Garden on the Main Administrative Area of Yuma Proving Ground where the meetings will be held. We look forward to consultation with your office on the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Cultural Resources Manager, Dr. Meg McDonald, using the previously mentioned contact information.

Sincerely,



Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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Headquarters, United States Army Garrison, Yuma
301 C Street
Yuma, AZ 85365-9498

***Ref: Development of a Operational Activities Section 106 Programmatic Agreement
Yuma Proving Ground
La Paz and Yuma Counties, Arizona***

Dear Mr. Martin:

On July 2, 2012, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your invitation for our participation in the development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for operational activities at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). The ACHP appreciates the opportunity to participate in the development and revision of real property master plans and operational activities and the development of PAs to implement these activities. We are interested, however, in YPG's goals for the PA and recommend that YPG refrain from providing a draft PA to consulting parties until all parties have an opportunity understand the installation's intentions and discuss a plan for proceeding with development of the PA. After this discussion, we will notify you within 15 days of our decision on participation.

While we will not be able to attend the meeting planned for August 21-22 in person, we request that YPG make arrangements for our participation via teleconference.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Katharine R. Kerr at (202) 606-8534 or via e-mail at kkerr@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

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June 27, 2012

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. James Garrison
Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer
1300 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Garrison:

Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as codified in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations Part 800 (36 CFR 800), the United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) is initiating consultation on a Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Programmatic Agreement (PA) for operational activities. U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground has determined that a PA is an appropriate Program Alternative, as defined in 36 CFR 800.1, for cultural resources management at the Garrison.

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Sincerely,



Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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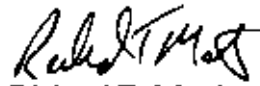
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Sincerely,


Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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*Thank you for the information.
We look forward to reviewing
and commenting on the draft
PA for your Program Alternative.
Ann C. Howard 7/3/12
Deputy SHPO*



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July 30, 2012

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. Louis J. Manuel, Jr.
Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

Dear Chairman Manuel:

The United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) recently invited the Ak-Chin Indian Community to consult on a Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Programmatic Agreement (PA) for operational activities through a letter dated June 27, 2012. Included with that invitation were information and a draft agenda concerning Section 106 consultation meetings the week of August 20, 2012. We are pleased to provide you with the enclosed copies of a final report and a draft agreement document that we welcome your input on during the consultation meetings. Another package of more information materials for the meetings will follow shortly.

The enclosed final report entitled "Archaeological Inventory and Historic Context of the Colorado-Gila Trail in the Cibola Range of United States Army Proving Ground, La Paz County, Arizona," is the culmination of nearly two years of research, fieldwork, and documentation of a major prehistoric trail that crosses YPG's Cibola Range. Although YPG has finalized the report, we now begin the difficult task of determining how to best preserve this valuable cultural resource in a manner that is compatible with Tribal desires and the Army Mission. We hope you can bring some creative ideas to our discussions concerning the Colorado-Gila Trail at the upcoming meeting and future forums.

The agreement document enclosed with this letter is a new draft of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for which consultation was started but not finalized when the undertaking was initiated in 2000. The associated Extended Combat Systems Maneuver Area (ECSMA) consultation timeline, cultural resources report, and Environmental Assessment are included on a CD for your reference. Although extensively discussed in the past, we recognize that many new stakeholders may have additional contributions, which we hope to hear at the upcoming consultation meetings.

As stated in the previous letter, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground is able to assist with travel expenses and accommodations and Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting you to confirm your attendance and assist with travel arrangements. If the Tribe cannot send a representative to the meeting, we will make other consultation arrangements

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Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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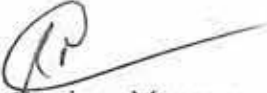
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August 6, 2012


Richard T. Martin, Garrison Manager
Attention: Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager IMWE-YMA-PWE
Department of the Army, US Army Installation Management Command
Headquarters, United States Army Garrison, Yuma
301 C Street
Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498

Dear Mr. Martin,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated July 30, 2012, regarding Yuma Proving Ground preparing a Memorandum of Agreement pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act for the implementation of the Extended Combat Systems Maneuver Area, an enclosed *Archaeological Inventory and Historic Context of the Colorado-Gila Trail in the Cibola Range*, and a consultation meeting scheduled for the week of August 20, 2012. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate Yuma Proving Ground's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

As we stated in our July 5, 2012, letter regarding the Real Property Master Plan, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office we will be unable to send a representative to the meeting the week of August 20th. However, we reiterate that appreciate that the Yuma Proving Ground is identifying historic properties in potential use areas, and we are interested in consulting on any proposal that has the potential to adversely affect prehistoric cultural resources.

We have reviewed the enclosed *Archaeological Inventory and Historic Context of the Colorado-Gila Trail in the Cibola Range* that identifies the prehistoric trail AZ R:11:62 (ASM), 55 other National Register eligible prehistoric sites, and over 500 isolated occurrences along it. Because Hopi Clans migrated in prehistoric times and traveled in historic times, we appreciate trails as an important site type. We understand portions of the trail fall within the Mohave Drop Zone and other areas subject to disturbance and appreciate Yuma Proving Ground's difficult task in preserving this valuable cultural resource.

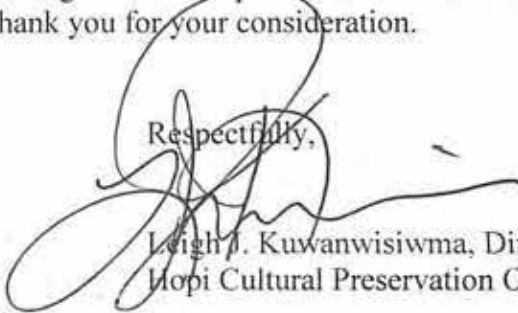
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We have also reviewed the enclosed Extended Combat Systems Maneuver Area consultation timeline, cultural resources report and Environmental Assessment.

Regarding the proposed Memorandum of Agreement for the Extended Combat Systems Maneuver Area, we defer to the State Historic Preservation Office and other interested tribes. However, we reiterate that if prehistoric cultural resources are identified that will be adversely affected by project activities, please provide us with a copy of any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

We appreciate that Yuma Proving Ground is extremely interested in avoiding and not damaging places of tribal concern and significance. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



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September 04, 2012

Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager
Yuma Proving Grounds
301 C Street
Yuma, AZ 85365-9498

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your July 30, 2012 correspondence which contained a copy of the draft Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Programmatic Agreement (PA) for operational activities and a copy of the final report entitled "Archaeological Inventory and Historic Context of the Colorado-Gila Trail in the Cibola Range of the United States Army Proving Ground, La Paz County, Arizona."

We appreciate your office's efforts to keep us updated on the PA, and we note that Tribes who sign on as Concurring Parties will be consulted on the mitigation of adverse effects to historic properties within the proposed Extended Combat Systems Maneuver Area. We support the proposed establishment of preservation areas to protect prehistoric trail segments and archaeological sites as well as the annual reporting and monitoring of these areas and resources.

In the Zia Engineering report you provided, we agree with Spier (1933:295) regarding the close similarities between the prehistoric Patayan and the Yuman speakers related by Spanish Chroniclers in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in southwestern Arizona demonstrating that they are the same culture group.

The ceramic assemblage comprising approximately 95 percent Patayan II-III ceramics and approximately 5 percent Patayan I ceramic types was excellently done and should help define the ceramic period defined by the Patayan. Your history of Lower Colorado River ceramic studies is particularly helpful for researchers working in this field.

Please note on the Concurring Parties signature page of the draft PA that Ernest Jones, Sr., is the President and not Chairman of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe. We are pleased you provided us a printed copy of the 'Colorado-Gila Trail' report for our archives and reference. Please forward a copy of the final PA for our Tribe to review when it is complete.

Sincerely,

Linda Ogo
Culture Research Department Director



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August 9, 2012

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. Louis J. Manuel, Jr.
Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

Dear Chairman Manuel,

The United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) recently invited the Ak-Chin Indian Community to consult on a Yuma Proving Ground Programmatic Agreement (PA) for operational and maintenance activities through a letter dated June 27, 2012. Included with that invitation were information and a draft agenda concerning Section 106 consultation meetings the week of August 20, 2012. Enclosed are copies of potential stipulations for the draft PA for operations and maintenance at YPG, a Real Property Management Plan (RPMP) project list, an outline of the Environmental Impact Statement, and regional overview maps of the project locations. We welcome your input on these documents during the consultation meetings and in the coming months. This is the final packet of information materials for the meetings.

The enclosed RPMP project list details many short- and long-term goals of the Garrison. Some projects on the list are proposed in locations that are either extensively disturbed or are the sites of previous Section 106 consultations, some are proposed in previously undisturbed areas, and others are merely in the conceptual stage. We encourage you to bring questions and comments on any of these locations to the meetings the week of August 20, where we will have several people present who are familiar with the installation and proposed sites. Those projects subject to the Section 106 consultation process will be covered by the proposed PA, along with other undertakings not captured in the RPMP. Several hours of the meeting will be devoted to getting your input on the proposed PA stipulations.

As stated in the previous two letters, USAG YPG is able to assist with travel expenses and accommodations and Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting you to confirm your attendance and assist with travel arrangements if arrangements have not already been made. If the Tribe cannot send a representative to the meeting, we will make other consultation arrangements with your office. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Cultural Resources Manager, Dr. Meg McDonald, at alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil or (928) 328-2520.

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Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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October 17, 2012

Honorable John McHugh
Secretary of the Army
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***Ref: Development of a Operational Activities Section 106 Programmatic Agreement
Yuma Proving Ground
La Paz and Yuma Counties, Arizona***

Dear Secretary McHugh:

In response to a notification from United States Army Garrison, Yuma, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will participate in consultation to develop a Programmatic Agreement in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.14(b)(3) for operational activities at Yuma Proving Ground. Our decision to participate in this consultation is based on the *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, contained within our regulations. The criteria are met for this proposed undertaking because there are questions regarding policy and interpretation of our regulations.

Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations requires that we notify you, as the head of the agency, of our decision to participate in consultation. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying Mr. Richard T. Martin, Garrison Manager, of this decision.

Our participation in this consultation will be handled by Ms. Katharine R. Kerr who can be reached at (202) 606-8534 or via e-mail at kkerr@achp.gov. We look forward to working with your agency and other consulting parties to consider alternatives to this undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties and to reach a Programmatic Agreement.

Sincerely,

John M. Fowler
Executive Director

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October 25, 2012

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. Louis J. Manuel, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Manuel:

Thank you for taking the time to participate, or sending a representative to participate on your behalf, in the United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) National Historic Preservation Act/National Environmental Policy Act consultation meeting held on August 21-23, 2012. I hope the information provided aids in your understanding of potential impacts that the Yuma Proving Ground Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) projects and routine management activities at the facility may have on historic properties. An unedited transcript, as recorded by the professional stenographer who was present the first two days of the meeting, is enclosed in portable data format (*.pdf) on a compact disk. Please let me know if you would like a printed copy of the transcript; it will be sent only upon request due to its four binder volume. A short summary of the meeting is also enclosed.

Throughout the Section 106 consultation, I will continue to correspond with you and your designated Section 106 tribal representative, Ms. Caroline Antone. If you designate a new Section 106 representative, please let us know so that we can include them in all future correspondence. I am also sending a copy of this letter and the enclosures to Ms. Antone.

As stated in previous correspondence and during the consultation meeting, USAG YPG is developing a Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) in accordance with 36 CFR 800.14(b)(1)(ii) and (iv) to address both the routine management of YPG and the potential effects from RPMP projects, some of which cannot be fully determined prior to the release of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). USAG YPG and the State Historic Preservation Officer will be the required signatories on this agreement. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has also confirmed that they will participate as a signatory.

USAG YPG has considered tribal comments and feedback received thus far and is preparing an initial draft PA. We plan to distribute this initial draft to all consulting parties at the end of October. I request that you review the initial draft PA and provide comments, questions, suggested revisions, edits, and other input within thirty calendar days in order to maintain the planned schedule. USAG YPG will revise the draft PA incorporating feedback and aim to provide a second draft PA in mid-January for further review and comment. At that time, we may consider having a second meeting or telephone conference. At any time during the process, however, please feel free to request additional meetings or conference calls if you wish to have specific discussions about the RPMP undertakings or measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential effects from these and future undertakings. Our goal is to have a draft final PA ready in

March 2013 for the final review process with tribal councils. The required signatories would execute the final PA before the end of September 2013. We hope that by providing this proposed timeline at this early stage, everyone can be prepared to work together on scheduling to meet the goal of a signed PA and a final PEIS in the fall of 2013.

On a separate yet interdependent schedule, we plan to release the draft RPMP PEIS to the public for comment in January/early February 2013, with public hearings in March 2013. In order to incorporate your comments on the RPMP and its environmental impacts into the draft PEIS prior to public release, I encourage you to have your feedback regarding the list of RPMP projects distributed at the August meeting sent to us by November 16, 2012. Also, please note that cultural resources will be addressed in cultural resources sections within the body of the PEIS and will not have a separate cultural resources technical report that requires your review. The Section 106 PA will address the process to resolve potential effects to historic properties from the RPMP undertakings, making it imperative that the PA be executed prior to the issuance of the PEIS Record of Decision in the fall of 2013.

Thank you again for your tribe's participation in the August consultation meeting. We look forward to continuing the consultation process, concluding in a Section 106 PA that allows YPG to fulfill its mission while respecting historic properties and other cultural resources significant to the tribes. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Cultural Resources Manager Dr. Meg McDonald, Environmental Sciences Division (IMYM-PWE), 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9495, or by phone (928) 328-2520, fax (928) 328-6696, or email at alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil.

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Garrison Manager

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January 8, 2013

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. John M. Fowler
Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Fowler:

U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) initiated consultation with the Advisory Council on June 27, 2012 for development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Yuma Proving Ground (YPG); your office responded affirmatively via letter dated October 17, 2012 (enclosed). The draft PA for operations, maintenance, and development at YPG is enclosed for your review and comment; we are requesting responses within 35 days of receipt in order to consolidate comments during late February, distribute a second draft, and schedule a teleconference or other requested consultation meetings during late March. Both a paper copy and an electronic copy in Microsoft Word are enclosed to facilitate your review. A copy of the 2011 archaeological sensitivity model mentioned in the PA is also enclosed. Copies of the draft PA and sensitivity model are being mailed concurrently to the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), all consulting federally recognized tribes, and other consulting parties listed in Attachment C of the PA.

The enclosed draft PA addresses preferred management strategies for historic properties that may be affected by implementation of undertakings that may occur, including basic maintenance, repair, and development activities, training exercises, and supported component activities. Although the USAG YPG goal of the PA is to establish consultation procedures for the broader spectrum of typical undertakings, execution of the PA is essential prior to signing of the Record of Decision for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Mission activities that is currently in development in order to resolve effects to cultural resources.

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meeting. Ann Howard, Deputy SHPO, Kristin Leahy, Architectural Historian, Army Environmental Command, and Katharine Kerr, of your office, also participated via teleconference.

If you have any comments, please address your correspondence to Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager, at alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil or (928) 328-2520. Thank you for your interest in and support of U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground's cultural resources program.

Sincerely,

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Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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S: 11 February 2013

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8 January 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR Headquarters, Installation Management Command, (G4 – Dave Giffin),
2405 Gun Shed Road, Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234-1223

SUBJECT: TASKER 121013652 – Request for Legal, Resources Management, and Technical
Review of the Draft Programmatic Agreement for Operations, Maintenance, and Development of
Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

1. I am requesting legal, resources management, and cultural resources review of the enclosed draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) concurrent with USAG YPG consultation with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), 14 consulting federally recognized Native American tribes, and other consulting parties. Potential stipulations for this draft PA were discussed in detail during a consultation meeting on August 22, 2012. Representatives of eight of the 14 consulting tribes were in attendance at the meeting and representatives of the SHPO (Ann Howard, Deputy SHPO), ACHP (Katharine Kerr, Program Analyst, Federal Property Management Section), and Army Environmental Command (Kristin Leahy, Architectural Historian) also participated via teleconference.
2. Due to the critical nature of upcoming Mission activities that will be facilitated by execution of the PA, I request comments and concurrence from your office by February 11, 2013.
3. The point of contact for this action is Meg McDonald, IMYM-PWE, (928) 328-2520, alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil.

2 Encls

1. Draft Programmatic Agreement
2. Yuma Proving Ground concurrence records

CF: Ted Grabowski, IMCN-E (w/encls)
Karl Kleinbach, IMAE-TS (w/encls)

RICHARD T. MARTIN
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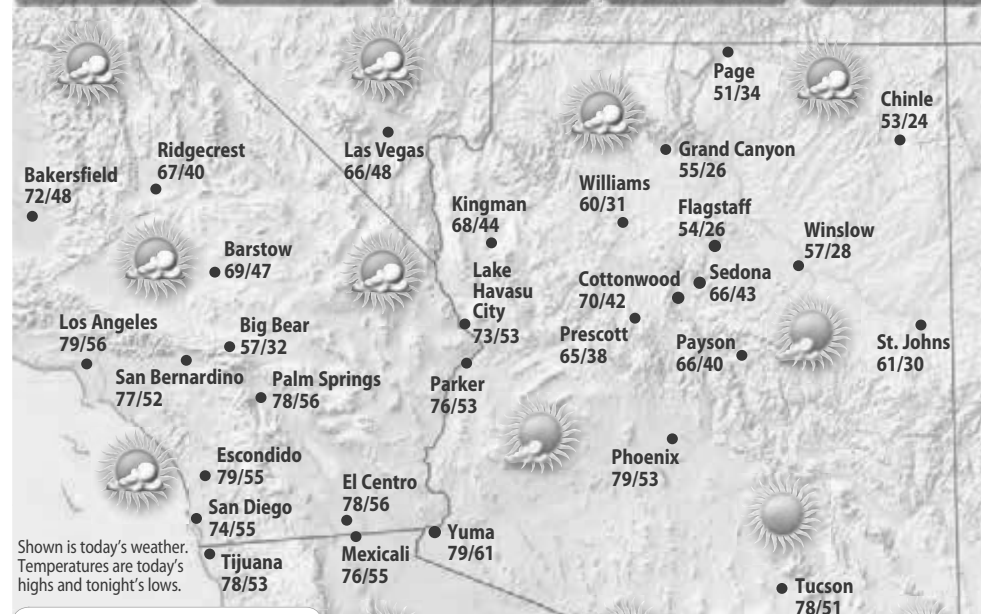
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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partial sunshine	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, a shower possible
79° 61°	79° 58°	77° 54°	72° 55°	74° 49°



ALMANAC

Yuma through 4 p.m. Tuesday

Temperature

High 78°

Low 47°

Normal high 71°

Normal low 47°

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. Tues. 0.00"

Month to date 0.00"

Normal month to date 0.27"

Year to date 0.00"

Last year to date Trace

Normal year to date 0.27"

Dew Point

7 a.m. today 22°

Humidity

Yesterday average 16%

Today's range 15%-30%

National Extremes Yesterday*

High 85° in Anaheim, CA

Low -38° in Babbitt, MN

* For the 48 contiguous states

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:38 a.m.

Sunset tonight 6:03 p.m.

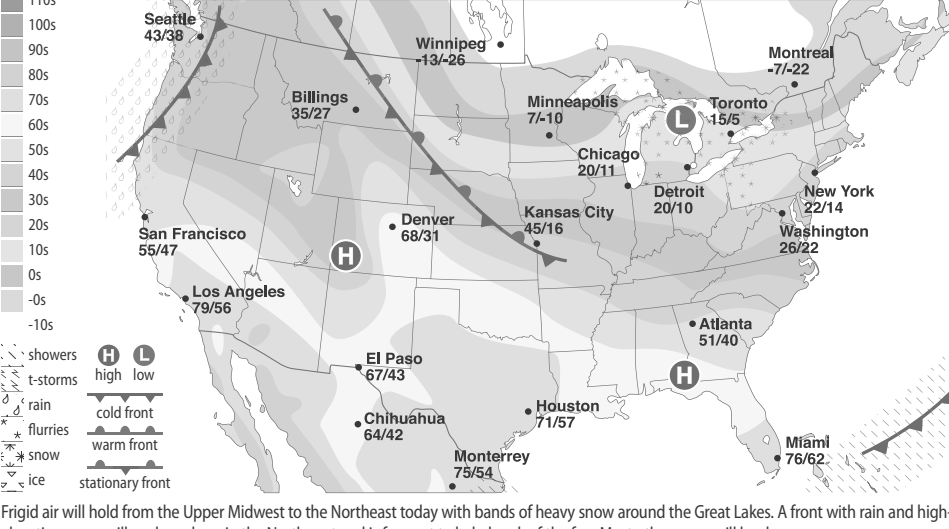
Moonset today 3:20 p.m.

Moonset today 4:51 a.m.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jan 26	Feb 3	Feb 9	Feb 17

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY **AccuWeather.com**



Frigid air will hold from the Upper Midwest to the Northeast today with bands of heavy snow around the Great Lakes. A front with rain and high-level snow will push onshore in the Northwest and is forecast to help break the fog. Most other areas will be dry.

NATIONAL CITIES

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	Hi/Lo	Prec	Hi/Lo	Prec	Hi/Lo	Prec	Hi/Lo	Prec
Arlene, TX	66/30/0.00	71/50/0	Dayton	15/5/0.00	23/10/0	Little Rock	43/26/0.00	54/42/0
Akron, OH	12/5/0.06	15/10/0	Daytona Beach	61/53/0.00	64/43/0	Los Angeles	81/51/0.00	79/56/0
Albany, NY	20/14/0.02	16/23/0	Denver	64/33/0.00	68/31/0	Louisville	22/17/0.00	36/21/0
Albuquerque	57/25/0.00	58/32/0	Des Moines	17/4/0.00	28/14/0	Lubbock	68/24/0.00	73/35/0
Albion, PA	20/15/0.00	20/10/0	Des Moines	12/-1/0	20/10/0	Macomb	53/31/0.00	59/19/0
Amarillo	68/26/0.00	66/30/0	Duluth	-2/-21/0.00	-1/19/0	Madison	8/-7/0	17/-2/0
Anchorage	31/28/0	34/28/0	El Paso	67/37/0.00	67/43/0	Medford	44/21/0.00	48/29/0
Asheville	32/20/0.00	40/26/0	Elkins	16/5/0	20/13/0	Memphis	41/26/0.00	50/37/0
Atlanta	45/29/0.00	51/40/0	Erie	14/8/0.24	17/14/0	Miami	76/63/0.00	74/50/0
Atlantic City	22/18/0.05	24/13/0	Eugene	33/29/0.00	42/34/0	Midland-Odessa	65/31/0.00	71/41/0
Austin	73/37/0.00	73/54/0	Evansville	17/4/0.00	38/20/0	Minneapolis	8/5/0	19/6/0
Birmingham	24/18/0.00	24/15/0	Fairbanks	11/-15/0.00	-11/20/0	Minneapolis	2/-12/0.00	74/55/0
Baton Rouge	65/42/0.00	68/40/0	Fargo	8/-16/0.00	-4/-17/0	Minot	10/-4/0	-3/-10/0
Bend, OR	51/22/0.00	45/22/0	Flint	10/-1/0	17/7/0	Mobile	61/38/0.00	65/48/0
Billings	47/11/0.00	35/27/0	Fort Smith	49/29/0.00	61/42/0	Montgomery	56/32/0.00	60/44/0
Birmingham	47/26/0.00	51/41/0	Fort Wayne	14/3/0.00	21/8/0	Nashville	31/19/0.00	44/26/0
Bismarck	14/-3/0.01	3/-11/0	Fresno	67/37/0.00	68/46/0	New Orleans	62/47/0.00	67/51/0
Boise	19/-3/0	33/24/0	Goodland	59/9/0.00	58/21/0	New York	22/19/0.00	22/14/0
Boston	25/19/0	20/11/0	Grand Junction	28/3/0.00	39/21/0	Newark	24/20/0	25/15/0
Bridgport	25/21/0	24/14/0	Grand Rapids	10/-10/04	19/7/0	Norfolk, VA	35/31/0.00	30/24/0
Brownsville	77/53/0.00	77/61/0	Great Falls	50/26/0.00	39/32/0	North Platte	42/6/0.00	41/12/0
Buffalo	11/5/0	15/8/0	Green Bay	4/-8/0.00	12/-2/0	Oklahoma City	59/21/0.00	64/38/0
Burlington, VT	12/6/0.03	2/-11/0	Greensboro, NC	37/26/0.00	38/26/0	Omaha	18/10/0.06	30/5/0
Carroll, ME	3/-16/0.00	4/-17/0	Harrisburg	20/15/0	21/14/0	Orlando	65/55/0.00	69/46/0
Casper	51/28/0.00	50/32/0	Hartford	23/17/0.01	20/7/0	Paducah	26/17/0.00	41/23/0
Charleston, SC	56/41/0.00	52/38/0	Helena	31/14/0.00	34/23/0	Palm Springs	79/46/0.00	78/56/0
Charleston, WV	22/11/0.00	28/17/0	Honolulu	81/67/0.00	81/69/0	Pendleton	24/22/0.00	35/29/0
Charlotte, NC	43/30/0.00	44/29/0	Houston	71/44/0.00	71/57/0	Peoria	15/2/0.00	30/8/0
Chattanooga	42/26/0.00	44/30/0	Huntsville	41/24/0.00	46/35/0	Philadelphia	22/19/0.01	24/16/0
Cheyenne	55/33/0.00	58/32/0	Indianapolis	18/4/0.00	27/13/0	Pieter	18/5/0.01	16/2/0
Chicago	11/-1/0.00	20/11/0	Jackson, MS	51/35/0.00	64/46/0	Pittsburgh	13/5/0	15/9/0
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Cleveland	11/17/0.00	65/49/0	Juneau	37/20/0	37/20/0	Portland, ME	22/17/0	12/-7/0
Colorado Spgs	65/27/0.00	68/31/0	Kansas City	27/12/0.00	45/16/0	Portland, OR	42/24/0.00	44/24/0
Columbia, SC	51/36/0.00	50/34/0	Knoxville	33/21/0.00	40/28/0	Providence	24/20/0.08	20/9/0
Columbus, GA	54/35/0.00	55/43/0	Lake Charles	67/41/0.00	68/54/0	Pueblo	65/15/0.00	67/24/0
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Concord, NH	22/17/0.02	12/4/0	Las Vegas	65/39/0.00	66/48/0	Rapid City	32/4/0.00	29/11/0
Corpus Christi	76/47/0.00	78/61/0	Lexington	21/10/0.00	33/18/0	Reno	45/19/0.00	53/30/0
Dallas	66/36/0.00	71/53/0	Lincoln	24/10/0.01	33/9/0	Richmond	33/26/0.00	30/21/0

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MEXICO			Monterrey	66/58	75/54	pc	Kamloops	28/25	33/28	pc
Acapulco	92/74	90/73	puerto Penasco	78/52	75/60	pc	Medicine Hat	18/10	17/8	pc
Chihuahua	56/41/0.00	52/38/0	Tijuana	66/49/0	65/49/0	pc	Regina	5/-15	-2/-8	pc
Ensenada	82/57	79/61	Yuma	82/55	78/53	pc	St. John's	25/21	22/13	pc
Guadalajara	75/45	76/45	CANADA				Saskatoon	3/-4	-10/-8	pc
Hermosillo	88/54	87/53	Calgary	19/14	25/17	sn	Thunder Bay	0/-3	-2/-10	pc
Mexicali	77/40	76/55	Edmonton	9/5	0/-6	sf	Toronto	9/9	15/5	sf
			Halifax	13/8	11/3	pc	Vancouver	39/28	43/41	sf
							Winnipeg	-7/27	-13/26	pc

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NOTICE FOR FORMAL BIDS / PROPOSALS

City of YUMA

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RFP NO: 2013-2000130
Professional Audit services
CLOSES: February 14, 2013 @ 4:00 PM (AZ TIME)

SCOPE OF WORK: Provide Professional Audit Services to audit its financial statements and conduct any other related services as needed.

The bid/proposal forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from www.AZPurchasing.org. Bidders may obtain bid notifications and solicitations at no cost by registering at <http://www.AZPurchasing.org> and downloading the information. Information on other City of Yuma bids/proposals is available on local Channel 73, or the City's website www.YumaAz.gov/bids

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. The City of Yuma reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it. Daily January 23, 2013 - 1099017

TS No.: AZ-12-536385-JB Order No.: 120383748-AZ-MSO Notice of Trustee's Sale The following legally described trust property will be sold, pursuant to the power of Sale under that certain Deed of Trust dated 2/9/2005 and recorded 2/11/2005 as Instrument 2005-06187, in the office of the County Recorder of YUMA County, Arizona at public auction to the highest bidder: Sale Date and Time: 3/21/2013 at 10:00:00 AM Sale Location: At the front entrance of the Yuma County Courthouse, 168 South 2nd Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85304 Legal Description: LOT 63, OF PALO VERDE ESTATES UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RECORD

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RECORDED IN BOOK 5 OF PLATS, PAGE 7. Purported Street Address: 2713 SOUTH MARY AVE, YUMA, AZ 85364 Tax Parcel Number: 695-15-063 Original Principal Balance: \$122,400.00 Name and Address of Current Beneficiary: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2005-7, Adjustable Rate Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-7 C/O WELLS FARGO BANK 1 Home Campus X2504-017 Customer Service Des Moines, IA 50328 Name(s) and Address(s) of Original Trustee/Agent: ANGEL C. ALCAZAR AND MARIA R. ALCAZAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE 181 SOUTH LEWIS STREET APT. 317 7, ORANGE, CA 92868 Name and Address of Trustee/Agent: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101 Phone: (866)-645-7711 Sales Line: 714-573-1965 Login to: www.priorityposting.com AZ-12-536385-JB

trustee qualifies to act as a trustee under A.R.S. §33-803(A)(1) in its capacity as a licensed Arizona escrow agent regulated by the Department of Financial Institutions. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Trustee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO

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COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Dated: DEC 12 2012 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION By: Reina Isip, Assistant Secretary (State of California) ss County of San Diego) On this 12th day of December, 2012, before me, Samantha Dalton, a notary public, personally appeared Reina Isip, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal. Signature Samantha Dalton (Seal) SAMANTHA DALTON Commission # 1873842 Notary Public - California San Diego County My Comm. Expires Jan 16, 2014 P1013811

Daily January 16, 23, 30, 2013 & February 6, 2013 - 1098037

PROPOSED ARIZONA POLLUTANT CHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (AZPDES) PERMIT

Proposed action by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) on an application for a Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit to discharge pollutants to Waters of the United States. ADEQ is issuing this notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and

in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R18-9-A907.

The Director proposes to issue an AZPDES permit to discharge to the following applicant, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions:

Public Notice No. 18-13AZ

AZPDES Permit No. AZ0023272

JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding LLC (JBS) is applying for a new Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) permit for operation of a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) located 4.7 miles east of Wellton and one mile north of Highway 8 in Yuma County, Arizona. The facility operation generates approximately 140,432 tons or 34,000,000 gallons of manure, litter, and process wastewater annually. On-site process drainage is contained in three holding ponds with a storage capacity of 33,000,000 gallons. Solid manure is deposited on the feedyard pen surface and composted and conveyed to third party farmers for land application off site. The holding ponds are designed and constructed to contain the runoff produced by the 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event. The facility utilizes process wastewater through evaporation; dust control on pens, roads, and open spaces; application to manure to adjust moisture during composting; or on a limited basis, land application to designated land management units (LMUs) when necessary after extreme or chronic precipitation events. Development and implementation of a site-specific Nutrient Management Plan (NMP), Best Management Practices (BMPs), and additional

measures are required for both the CAFO production area and land application areas to control the discharge of pollutants; these are established as technology-based limitations. Sampling of plant tissue, soil, manure, and wastewater will be conducted as necessary in accordance with the sampling protocols described in the NMP.

The public notice and related documentation are available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the ADEQ Records Center, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380 or email recordscenter@azdeq.gov 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

Persons may submit comments or request a public hearing on the proposed action, in writing, to Chou Chen, ADEQ Water Quality Division, 1110 W. Washington St., 5415A, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. All written comments received by ADEQ by the close of business on the date 30 days after publication of this notice will be considered in the final permit decision. Requests for a hearing must be in writing and must state the issues proposed to be raised in a hearing. If there is a significant degree of public interest, the Director will hold a hearing in accordance with A.A.C. R18-9-908(B). Additional notice of such hearing would be published at least 30 days prior to the hearing date.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons you know would be interested in this matter. Daily January 23, 2013 - 1098022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) proposes to enter into a Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on

Historic Preservation regarding operation, maintenance, and development activities at Yuma Proving Ground. The PA was prepared in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 United States Code § 4701 and its implementing regulations (36 Code of Federal Regulations 800).

The PA is intended to streamline the consultation process required under sections 106 and 110 of the NHPA for operation, maintenance, and development activities at YPG that are of a routine and recurring nature. The PA includes a number of stipulations to consider the potential for adverse effects on historic properties that could result from routine actions and to guide the consultation process for those activities.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.14(f), USAG YPG is providing this notice to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed PA and the stipulations contained therein. The PA is available for a 30-day review period and may be downloaded from the YPG website at <http://www.yuma.army.mil>. Please direct comments, inquiries, or requests for hardcopies of the PA to U.S. Army Garrison, Yuma Proving Ground, Environmental Sciences, Meg McDonald, 301 C Street, IMYM-PWE, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498, by calling (928) 328-2520, or by email alison.m.mcdonald.civ@ma.il.mil.

Copies of the PA are also available for review at the Yuma County Library, Main Branch (2951 S. 21st Dr., Yuma, AZ 85364, 928-782-1871), and at the Foothills Branch (13226 E. South Frontage Rd., Yuma, AZ 85367, 928-342-1640).

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9th day of December, 2014

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, YUMA
301 C STREET
YUMA AZ 85365-9498

April 1, 2013

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. James Garrison
Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Garrison:

U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground initiated consultation with your office on June 27, 2012 (SHPO 2012-0655[105730]) for development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). Enclosed with this letter is a second draft of the PA, incorporating comments received to date. Both paper and electronic copies are included to facilitate your review and comment. All comments received on the first draft are included on compact disk (CD). The 2011 archaeological sensitivity model mentioned in the PA and the transcript from the August 22, 2012 tribal consultation meeting discussion of potential PA stipulations are also included on the CD. All materials are being mailed concurrently to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, all consulting federally recognized tribes, and other consulting parties listed in the PA. The enclosed draft PA addresses preferred management strategies for historic properties that may be affected by implementation of undertakings that may occur, including basic maintenance, repair, and development activities, training exercises, and supported component activities. Although the USAG YPG goal of the PA is to establish consultation procedures for the broader spectrum of typical undertakings, execution of the PA is essential prior to signing of the Record of Decision for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Mission activities that is currently in development in order to resolve effects to cultural resources.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1)(i)(C), USAG YPG invited the ACHP to participate in the consultation through a letter dated June 27, 2012; the ACHP responded affirmatively via letter dated October 17, 2012 (enclosed). Per 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2), USAG YPG has invited 14 federally recognized Native American tribes to participate as consulting parties in the Section 106 process for the PA, including the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, the Cocopah Indian Tribe, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Community, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, the Gila River Indian Community, the Hopi Tribe, the Quechan Tribe, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Tohono O'odham Nation, the Yavapai-Apache Nation, and the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe. An initial Section 106 government-to-government consultation meeting to discuss potential draft PA stipulations was held on August 22, 2012. Representatives of eight of the 14 consulting tribes attended the meeting. Katharine Kerr, Program Analyst, ACHP, Kristin Leahy, Architectural Historian, Army Environmental Command, and Ann Howard, of your office, also participated via teleconference.

We have scheduled a meeting on the morning of April 17, 2013, in Building 308 on the Main Administrative Area of Yuma Proving Ground to discuss the enclosed second draft of the PA. The meeting agenda and a map to Building 308 are also enclosed. U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground is able to assist with travel expenses and accommodations; please contact Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager for details. If your office cannot send a representative, the enclosed agenda has teleconferencing instructions. Any comments you send via mail or email prior to the meeting will be presented at the meeting; as importantly, we welcome your comments in person or via telephone during the meeting if you cannot send comments prior to the meeting.

If you have any comments, please address your correspondence to Dr. Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager, at alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil or (928) 328-2520. Thank you for your interest in and support of U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground's cultural resources program.

Sincerely,



Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

Enclosures



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April 1, 2013

Environmental Sciences Division

Mr. John M. Fowler
Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 803
Washington, D.C. 20004

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Richard T. Martin
Garrison Manager

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Distribution List for April 1, 2013 Tribal Letter

Native American

Ak-Chin Indian Community
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Cocopah Indian Tribe
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
Gila River Indian Community Council
Quechan Indian Tribe
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
San Carlos Apache Tribe
Hopi Tribe
Tohono O'Odham Nation
Yavapai-Apache Nation
Yavapai-Prescott Tribe

Agency

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Arizona Department of Transportation
Arizona Historical Society, Rio Colorado Division
Arizona Public Service Company, Natural Resources Department
Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office
Western Area Power Administration, Desert South Region

Microwave Radio Systems, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, site surveys, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of program and logistics support. The estimated cost is \$339 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the Iraqi military's situational awareness and enhancing command and control from its National Military Headquarters to major subordinate commands.

The Government of Iraq intends to use these defense articles and services to provide critical redundancy for national level command and control.

This proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Company of Arlington, Virginia. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government and contractor representatives to travel to Iraq on an as-needed basis to provide program and technical support and training.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., as amended, 41 CFR 102-3.150) and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) the Department of Defense (DoD) announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel ("the Panel").

DATES: Thursday, September 19, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Naval Heritage Center Theater, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Joseph Lawrence, DFO, Uniform

Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel, 4130 Stanley Road, Suite 208, Building 1000, San Antonio, TX 78234-6012. Telephone: (210) 295-1271 Fax: (210) 295-2789. Email Address: Baprequests@tma.osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: The Panel will review and comment on recommendations made to the Director of TRICARE Management Activity, by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, regarding the Uniform Formulary.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Sign-In
2. Welcome and Opening Remarks
3. Public Citizen Comments
4. Scheduled Therapeutic Class Reviews (Comments will follow each agenda item)
 - a. Corticosteroids-Immune Modulators
 - b. Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose Systems
 - c. Renin-Angiotensin Anti-hypertensives
 - d. Pulmonary-1 Agents
 - e. Designated Newly Approved Drugs in Already-Reviewed Classes
 - f. Pertinent Utilization Management Issues
5. Panel Discussions and Vote

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be provided only to the first 220 people signing-in. All persons must sign-in legibly.

Administrative Session: Prior to the public meeting, the Panel will conduct an Administrative Session from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to discuss administrative matters of the Panel. The Administrative Session will be held at the Naval Heritage Center, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.160, the Administrative Session will be closed to the public.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the Panel at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the Panel's Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO's contact information can be obtained from the General Services Administration's Federal Advisory Committee Act Database at <https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp> as well as in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Written statements that do not pertain to the scheduled meeting of the Panel may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than 5 business days prior to the meeting in question. The DFO will submit all written statements and provide copies to all the committee members.

Public Comments: In addition to written statements, the Panel will set aside 1 hour for individuals or interested groups to address the Panel. To ensure consideration of their comments, individuals and interested groups should submit written statements as outlined in this notice; but if they still want to address the Panel, then they will be afforded the opportunity to register the day of the meeting to address the Panel. The Panel's DFO will have a "Sign-Up Roster" available at the Panel meeting for registration on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those wishing to address the Panel will be given no more than 5 minutes to present their comments, and at the end of the 1 hour time period, no further public comments will be accepted. Anyone who signs-up to address the Panel, but is unable to do so due to the time limitation, may submit their comments in writing; however, they must understand that their written comments may not be reviewed prior to the Panel's deliberation.

To ensure timeliness of comments for the official record, the Panel encourages that individuals and interested groups consider submitting written statements instead of addressing the Panel.

Dated: August 13, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Activities and Operations at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for implementation of activities and operations at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). This document

analyzes and evaluates potential environmental impacts associated with short-term and long-term proposed construction projects and proposed changes to YPG's testing and training mission. YPG consists of approximately 840,000 acres of DoD-managed land in the Sonoran Desert in southwestern Arizona.

DATES: The public comment period will end 45 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: For questions concerning the DPEIS, please contact Mr. Sergio Obregon, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, IMYM-PWE, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498. Written comments may be mailed to that address or emailed to ypgnea@conus.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Wullenjohn, Yuma Proving Ground Public Affairs Office, at (928) 328-6189 Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army prepared a DPEIS to analyze potential impacts from new construction, changes in testing and training, and activities conducted under private industry partnerships. Potential renewable energy initiatives are also discussed in the DPEIS, but project-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis separate from the DPEIS will be required prior to implementing any specific renewable energy initiatives.

There are two alternatives analyzed in this DPEIS: (1) No Action which describes the conditions under which no new actions would occur. There would be no changes in testing and training activities conducted at YPG, and (2) the Proposed Action which includes new construction and associated demolition, testing and training activities occurring on YPG, and new testing and training proposed by tenants to meet anticipated testing or training needs. The programmatic components of the DPEIS consist of a detailed analysis of well defined short-term projects and long-term projects with unspecified locations. These are analyzed to identify the maximum potential impact on a broad scale. These activities would be subjected to site-specific NEPA analysis prior to implementation and could include analysis of other reasonable alternatives to the identified action. Six other alternatives were considered but eliminated from further analysis.

The PEIS will be used to develop a future Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) at YPG. This analysis will support the future planning to ensure that YPG considers environmental impacts as it seeks to improve facilities and capabilities for the future. The analysis in the PEIS will also support the alternatives analysis for the RPMP. The DPEIS will also address cumulative impacts for existing, proposed, and reasonably foreseeable projects.

For the Proposed Action, the analysis is structured to allow the Army to select a subset of the proposed activities or, for certain activities, to select from among a range of options with regard to magnitude, frequency, or duration. The Army is not seeking to expand the boundaries of YPG and all proposed activities would be conducted within the boundaries of the installation or its currently authorized airspace. No changes are proposed to ongoing activities conducted at off-post areas in Arizona and California that are used for specific testing activities under conditions not found at YPG. Therefore, activities conducted in these areas are not included in the analysis in the DPEIS.

The potential for environmental impacts is greatest for the following resource areas: soils, air quality, solid and hazardous materials/waste, vegetation, and wildlife. Impacts to these resources may occur as a result of converting existing land use to support military testing and training or from increasing the scope or magnitude of testing activities.

All governmental agencies, interest groups, and individuals are invited to participate in public meetings and/or submit comments in writing. Information on the time and location of two public meetings will be published locally. In addition, YPG is engaged in consultation with federally recognized Native American tribes regarding the Proposed Action. YPG will meet the obligation to consult under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act concurrently with this NEPA process through a Programmatic Agreement.

At this time, a Preferred Alternative has not been selected. The Army will select a Preferred Alternative after consideration of input from government agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public.

Copies of the DPEIS are available at the Yuma County Library, Main Branch, 2951 S. 21st Drive and the Yuma Proving Ground Post Library. The DPEIS can also be viewed at the following Web

site: http://www.yuma.army.mil/mhub_documents.shtml.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Record of Decision for the Construction and Operation of an Infantry Platoon Battle Course at Pōhakuloa Training Area, Hawai'i

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) and U.S. Army Garrison, Hawai'i, (USAG-HI) announce the decision to construct and operate a new Infantry Platoon Battle Course (IPBC) and associated infrastructure at Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA), Hawai'i. This decision allows the Army to construct and operate an IPBC that will meet Army training requirements and will support the live-fire collective training needs of the Army, Army Reserve, and Hawai'i Army National Guard, as well as other Service components that are stationed or train in Hawai'i.

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Army prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that evaluated the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with alternatives to construct and operate the IPBC. In the Final EIS published in the **Federal Register** on April 26, 2013 (78 FR 24734), the Army identified the Western Range Alternative as the preferred alternative. The Army has selected the preferred alternative in the Record of Decision (ROD). The Western Range Area Alternative is located in an under-utilized portion of the PTA impact area where no ranges currently exist. The location has been exposed to indirect munitions fire and constructing the IPBC here will reclaim a portion of the impact area. A copy of the ROD can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/pta_peis/default.htm.

ADDRESSES: Email requests to obtain a copy of the ROD can be addressed to USARMY.JBSA.AEC.MBX@mail.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: US Army Environmental Command Public Affairs Office, at 1-855-846-3940 (toll free).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) announces the availability of a draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The draft Section 106 PA addresses an ongoing program of operations and maintenance at YPG, as well as the activities considered in the DPEIS. USAG YPG determined that the development of a PA, in accordance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations § 800.14(b)(1)(ii) and (iv), is warranted because specific details on some projects are unknown and the effects on historic properties cannot be fully determined prior to their approval, and because of the routine nature of many actions that are part of the ongoing management and operation of YPG. The draft PA has been developed through consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally recognized tribes in the region, and will be available for review in order to provide an opportunity for members of the public to express their views on resolving adverse effects to historic properties that could result from the activities and operations at YPG.

A public meeting to discuss the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and the Programmatic Agreement will be held on YPG from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Building 6, the Desert Breeze Travel Camp Community Center, located on the Main Administrative Area off of Imperial Dam Road on Tuesday September 24, 2013. A second public meeting on the DPEIS will be held at the Yuma Public Library, 2951 South 21st Drive, Yuma AZ, 85364 on Wednesday September 25, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The Draft PA will be available for review at the Yuma County Library, Main Branch, 2951 S. 21st Drive, the YPG Post Library, and the Foothills Branch Library, 13226 S Frontage Rd, Yuma, AZ, from September 2 through October 7, 2013. The public comment period for the draft Section 106 PA will be September 2 through October 7, 2013. The documents also can be viewed at the following website: [http:// www.yuma.army.mil/mhub_documents.shtml](http://www.yuma.army.mil/mhub_documents.shtml).

For questions concerning the DPEIS, please contact Ms. Meg McDonald, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, Cultural Resources Manager, IMYM-PWE, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498. Written comments may be mailed to that address or emailed to alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil.

Distribution List for August 22, 2013 Letter

Copy of Letter is Available at Yuma Proving Ground

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Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization

Preguntas a los candidatos sobre sus plataformas

PERSONAL DE REDACCION

BAJO EL SOL

Yuma -- Diversos candidatos competirán para puestos en el concilio de Yuma en la elección primaria de la ciudad que se realizará el 27 de agosto.

El periódico Yuma Sun les hizo preguntas a los candidatos sobre sus plataformas. Esta es parte de una serie de notas sobre las respuestas de ellos.

Nombre del candidato: Keith C. Parsels

Años de edad: 61

Describe su plataforma: Eliminar la carga que el gobierno coloca a los negocios pequeños, y disminuir el control de la ciudad de Yuma por los gobiernos del estado de Arizona y de los Estados Unidos.

Si usted sea elegida, ¿cual será su primera prioridad?:



KEITH C. PARSELS

Crear un consenso acerca de lo que es esencial para la mayoría de residentes de la ciudad, antes de que yo vote por cualquier aumento de impuesto o de cobro.

¿Que cree que es el reto más grande que enfrenta a los residentes de Yuma?: El desempleo y aumentos de impuestos y de cobros de servicios de utilidades, los cuales dañan a personas de bajos recursos, a las que carecen de empleo, a los jubilados o personas de tercera edad con ingresos fijos.

Nombre del candidato: Daniel Sánchez

Años de edad: 28

Describe su plataforma: Go-



DANIEL SANCHEZ

bierno transparente, animar a negocios locales y atraer a nuevas empresas a Yuma, y lograr la responsabilidad financiera.

Si usted sea elegida, ¿cual será su primera prioridad?: Me gustaría trabajar con mis concejales compañeros para desarrollar una declaración de visión y un plan estratégico que dirigiría a la ciudad durante los próximos dos años. Lograr una visión común es esencial para contar con un equipo profesional y productivo, y sin la colaboración sería imposible trabajar por los intereses mejores de la ciudad. Una vez que se logre tal meta, quiero trabajar con el concilio y el administrador de la ciudad para cambiar la manera



PAUL JOHNSON

en que se crea el presupuesto de la ciudad. **¿Que cree que es el reto más grande que enfrenta a los residentes de Yuma?:** Creo que el reto más grande que enfrenta a residentes de Yuma es que hay demasiada personas quienes están apáticas a los problemas de su ciudad, entre ellas los jóvenes que parecen menos ocupados a buscar soluciones.

Nombre del candidato: Paul Johnson

Años de edad: 69

Describe su plataforma: Trabajaré de forma colaborativa con los otros concejales, la mesa de supervisores del Condado de Yuma, así como otros grupos y

organizaciones para atraer nuevos negocios a Yuma para reducir nuestra tasa horrible de desempleo. Trabajaré con los otros concejales para mejorar los servicios del municipio mientras reduzco los costos a los contribuyentes. Trabajaré para reducir la congestión del tráfico por medio de buscar fondos para proyectos de mejoramiento a las calles, y continuaré a trabajar para mejorar los parques y programas recreativos para nuestros jóvenes.

Si usted sea elegida, ¿cual será su primera prioridad?: Atraer a Yuma más puestos de trabajo de mejores salarios, lo que es esencial para reducir nuestra tasa horrible de desempleo.

¿Que cree que es el reto más grande que enfrenta a los residentes de Yuma?: El de reducir la tasa alta de desempleo en nuestra comunidad.

Llenan puesto directivo en ayuntamiento de San Luis

CESAR NEYOY

BAJO EL SOL

San Luis, Ariz.- Desde hoy, el ayuntamiento de esta ciudad tiene una nueva funcionaria, Jenny Torres, quien fue contratada como directora de Desarrollo Comunitario.

Torres, de 35 años de edad, llegó a llenar el puesto que ocupara Michel Trend, quien lo dejó en octubre, en un acuerdo con la

ciudad.

"Estoy muy emocionada de regresar al puesto que dejé hace casi diez años, de traer la experiencia que he adquirido en el sector privado y trabajando de cerca de organizaciones del sector público", comentó Torres, quien ocupó el mismo puesto entre los años 2001 y 2004.

Nacida en California, Torres fue criada y reside en San Luis desde su niñez,

aunque en años recientes se desempeña como gerente de proyectos para una compañía de bienes raíces en el Valle Imperial, donde, además, trabajó de cerca con organizaciones no lucrativas.

Antes de asumir el puesto, Torres, hija de la concejala Gloria Torres, trabajó para la organización no lucrativa Comité de Bien Estar, en esta ciudad.

"Apenas estoy revisando

las metas que tiene la oficina. Tengo el reto de continuar trabajando para lograrlas, pero también el de aplicar mi experiencia e implantar ideas que puedan servir en bien de la comunidad", anotó la funcionaria.

Torres tiene una maestría en Administración Pública por la Northern Arizona University (NAU), y percibirá un salario de 64,000 dólares anuales.

Torres llega a dirigir el departamento encargado de gestionar recursos externos para proyectos municipales y promover el desarrollo económico.

Reconoció que llega al puesto en un tiempo difícil para la gestión de recursos: "La economía apenas se está recuperando; sé que es un tiempo difícil, pero vamos a ver qué mecanismos implementar para atraer recursos".



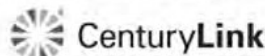
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AVISO PÚBLICO

El ejército de los Estados Unidos Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG, por sus siglas en inglés) anuncia la disponibilidad del Borrador de la Declaración de Programación de Impacto Ambiental (DPEIS, por sus siglas en inglés) en conformidad con la sección 102(2)(c) de la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (NEPA, por sus siglas en inglés) para analizar los impactos ambientales como resultado de la implementación de las actividades y funcionamiento en Yuma Proving Ground (YPG, por sus siglas en inglés) al noreste de Yuma, Arizona y el borrador del Acuerdo de Programación (PA, por sus siglas en inglés) en conformidad con la Sección 106 de la Ley Nacional para la Conservación Histórica. El Aviso de Disponibilidad (NOA por sus siglas en inglés) de este DPEIS fue publicado en el Registro Federal el 16 de agosto de 2013.

Este documento analiza los posibles impactos por la nueva construcción, cambios en pruebas y capacitación y actividades llevadas a cabo bajo las asociaciones de la industria privada. Iniciativas de energía renovable se discuten en el DPEIS, pero el análisis de la NEPA para este proyecto será necesario antes de implementar iniciativas específicas de energía renovable. Hay dos alternativas analizadas en este DPEIS: (1) Ninguna Acción que describe las condiciones bajo las cuales no se producirían nuevas acciones. No habría ningún cambio en actividades de pruebas y capacitación que se realizan en YPG, y (2) la Acción Propuesta, que incluye la nueva construcción y demolición asociada, actividades de pruebas y capacitación que ocurren en YPG y nuevas pruebas y capacitación propuestas por los inquilinos para cumplir con pruebas o capacitación anticipadas. Para la Acción Propuesta, el análisis está estructurado para permitir que el ejército seleccione un subconjunto de las actividades propuestas o, para ciertas actividades, seleccionen entre una gama de opciones con respecto a la magnitud, frecuencia o duración. El ejército no está tratando de ampliar las fronteras de YPG y todas las actividades propuestas se llevarían a cabo dentro de los límites de la instalación o su espacio aéreo actualmente autorizado. El PEIS se utilizará para desarrollar un futuro Plan Maestro de Propiedades Inmuebles (RPMF, por sus siglas en inglés) en YPG. En este momento, no se ha seleccionado una Alternativa Preferida. El ejército seleccionará una Alternativa Preferida después de considerar la opinión de las agencias gubernamentales, las tribus Americanas Nativas, organizaciones no gubernamentales y miembros del público.

Se llevará a cabo una reunión pública para discutir el DPEIS en YPG de las 6:00pm a 8:00pm en el Edificio 6, del Centro Comunitario Desert Breeze Travel Camp, ubicado en el Área Administrativa Principal en la salida de la calle Imperial Dam Road, el Martes 24 de Septiembre de 2013. Se llevará a cabo una segunda reunión pública en la Biblioteca Pública de Yuma, ubicada en el 2951 South 21st Drive, Yuma AZ, 85364 el Miércoles 25 de Septiembre de 2013 de las 6:00pm a 8:00pm.

El borrador del PA de Sección 106 aborda un programa continuo de las operaciones y mantenimiento en YPG, e incluye las actividades consideradas en el DPEIS. USAG YPG determinó que el desarrollo de un PA, según el Código de Regulaciones Federales 36 § 800.14(b)(1)(ii) y (iv), se justifica porque se desconocen detalles específicos sobre algunos proyectos y los efectos sobre las propiedades históricas no pueden determinarse completamente antes de su aprobación y debido a la costumbre rutinaria de muchas acciones que forman parte de la continua gestión y operación de YPG. El borrador del PA se ha desarrollado a través de consultas con el Consejo Consultivo de Conservación Histórica, el oficial de Conservación Histórica del estado de Arizona y tribus reconocidas por el gobierno federal en la región y estará disponible para revisión con el fin de proporcionar una oportunidad al público a expresar sus opiniones para resolver los efectos adversos a las propiedades históricas que podrían derivarse de las actividades y operaciones en YPG.

El período de comentario público para el DPEIS comienza oficialmente con la publicación de la NOA en el Registro Federal y el documento está disponible en la base de datos de la Declaración de Impactos Ambientales (EIS, por sus siglas en inglés) de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de Los Estados Unidos (US EPA, por sus siglas en inglés) en su página de internet: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nea/cisdata.html>. Comentarios sobre el DPEIS serán solicitados hasta el 7 de Octubre de 2013. El DPEIS también estará disponible al público para su revisión a partir del 23 de Agosto hasta el 7 de Octubre de 2013, en la sucursal de la biblioteca principal del Condado de Yuma, ubicada en el 2951 S. 21st Drive, en la biblioteca de Foothills, ubicada en el 13226 S. Frontage Rd., Yuma, AZ. El borrador del PA también estará disponible para su revisión y comentario en los mismos lugares a partir del 2 de Septiembre hasta el 7 de Octubre de 2013. Los documentos también se pueden revisar en la siguiente página de internet: http://www.yuma.army.mil/mhub_documents.shtml.

Las versiones finales del PEIS estarán disponibles al público para su revisión y comentario una vez terminados. YPG también aceptará comentarios del público durante todo el proceso NEPA. Todos aquellos interesados están invitados a asistir a las reuniones públicas y a enviar comentarios o preguntas por correo a Sergio Obregon, Coordinador de NEPA a U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, IMYM-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498, o por correo electrónico a: usarmyypg@com.mbx.nepa@mail.mil. Por teléfono, llame a Chuck Wullenjohn al (928) 328-6189 de 6:30 AM a 5:00 PM, de Lunes a Jueves. Preguntas o comentarios sobre el borrador de la Sección 106 del PA deberán ser enviados a Meg McDonald, Gerente de Recursos Culturales, a U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, IMYM-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498, o por correo electrónico a: alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil.

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Resumen de Logros CDBG 2012

A la ciudad de Yuma le fueron otorgados \$847,269 en fondos CDBG de parte del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD). Estos fondos fueron combinados con \$905,132.56 en fondos no gastados de años anteriores y \$43,141.34 en ingresos del programa para un total de \$1,795,542.90 disponibles para gastarse en 2012/2013. Los fondos CDBG actuales que se gastaron fueron \$1,030,711.07. Estos fueron combinados con fondos del Departamento de Vivienda de Arizona, préstamos privados, inversiones privadas, servicios voluntarios y donaciones para lograr lo siguiente:

Programas de Vivienda y Actividades para la Conservación de Vecindarios para mejorar la calidad de vida para personas de ingresos bajos o moderados (LMI) en la ciudad de Yuma:

- Se completaron reparaciones menores en 5 hogares para abordar asuntos sobre seguridad y violaciones a códigos bajo el Programa de Reparaciones de Emergencia a Hogares, rehabilitación principal en 4 hogares y reconstrucción de 3 hogares bajo el Programa de Préstamo para Mejoras al Hogar. Todos los clientes asistieron a una Clase Obligatoria del Mantenimiento de Hogar.
- Se completó modificaciones de acceso para minusválido y reparaciones menores al hogar para 14 propietarios de casa discapacitados y/o ancianos a través de SMILE.
- Se llevó a cabo la Aplicación del Código en el Vecindario Yuma High (YHN), en el Vecindario Mesa Heights (MHN) y en el Vecindario Carver Park (CPN) y se completaron 884 inspecciones, se iniciaron 84 nuevos casos y se corrigieron 290 violaciones.
- Se completaron 94 inspecciones de casas en renta en unidades de vivienda y espacios de trailer parks en CPN y YHN y 221 violaciones fueron suprimidas.
- En colaboración con varias organizaciones locales y muchos voluntarios, se participó en Rock n' Roll Paint-a-Thon y se pintó el exterior de los hogares de 10 personas LMI, ancianas y discapacitadas dentro de la ciudad.
- Se aportaron fondos para Yuma Neighborhood Development Organization (YNDO) una Organización de Desarrollo Basado en la Comunidad (CBDO), para administrar una Cuenta de Desarrollo Individual (IDA) del Programa de Propiedad de Casa. 2 familias compraron una casa.
- Se aportaron fondos a YNDO para adquirir 4 hogares vacantes dentro de la ciudad. Los hogares han sido rehabilitados y rentados a familias LMI a precios accesibles.
- Se completó un Proyecto de Mejoramiento PeDESTRE en la calle 5ta, entre Avenidas 4ta y 5ta para mejorar la seguridad de los estudiantes en el YHN que asisten a Roosevelt, Fourth Ave. Jr. High y Yuma High School.
- Se proporcionaron fondos a Catholic Community Services para costos de ingeniería para un proyecto en HVAC en las facilidades del Alberque. La construcción se tomará lugar en 2013/2014.
- Se aportaron fondos a Adult Literacy Plus para pagar costos de arquitectura para su proyecto Building Literacy Improvement. La construcción tomará lugar en 2013/2014.

Actividades de Desarrollo Económico

- Se aportaron fondos para YNDO, una CBDO para administrar un Programa de Micro-negocios IDA. 5 Micro-negocios fueron abiertos.

Actividades y Programas de Servicio Público

- Se colaboró con Servicios Legales Comunitarios (CLS) para llevar a cabo el Programa de Vivienda Justa (FH), el cual incluyó: Asesoría en FH y referencias para 73 personas, puestos en eventos comunitarios y distribución de información sobre FH; coordinación del Festival de Vivienda; entrevistas televisadas; y un concurso de póster para jóvenes. CLS colaboró con el Consejo del Suroeste de Vivienda Justa para proveer entrenamiento a los vendedores de bienes raíces y trabajadores de complejos de departamentos y para conducir una prueba de FH relacionadas con la nacionalidad, raza y discapacidades en complejos de departamentos.
- El Programa Simulacro de Pobreza de la Acción Comunitaria de Yuma (CAPS) tuvo una simulación de pobreza con aproximadamente 65 participantes. Los simulacros fueron diseñados para crear conciencia sobre los problemas que experimenta la gente que vive en la pobreza.
- Se operó el Centro Vecinal Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. En asociación con el Consejo de la Industria Privada de Yuma se ofreció un Centro de Carreras para Jóvenes, incluyendo servicios tales como redacción de currículum, habilidades para entrevistas, búsqueda de trabajo y asistencia para llenar solicitudes y tutoría entre compañeros, planeamiento educativo de carrera, salud y actividades físicas y computadoras. Se asoció con el Arizona Western College (AWC) para proveer de un laboratorio de computación para estudiantes del AWC, pruebas de posicionamiento, asistencia para la solicitud de ayuda financiera, e información general del AWC para residentes del área. Se proporcionaron servicios públicos y eventos vecinales para esta área LMI.
- Se aportaron fondos para Crossroads Mission para proporcionar copagos de recetas médicas para 80 personas sin hogar, nuevos uniformes escolares para 32 niños sin hogar y medicamentos sin receta, suministros de artículos para primeros auxilios y de higiene personal para 2,392 personas sin hogar alojadas en los refugios.
- Se aportaron fondos al Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) para proveer asesoría sobre cómo prevenir ejecuciones hipotecarias a 25 hogares.
- Se proporcionaron fondos a United Way para coordinar el Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) para ofrecer preparación de impuestos gratis, 664 personas recibieron ayuda.
- Servicios de Alcance a Vecindarios fueron proveídos en el Vecindario Yuma High (YHN) y en el Vecindario Mesa Heights (MHN), incluyendo:
 - Publicación y distribución de 3 ejemplares, 4,000 copias de "A view from the Front Porch", boletín de vecindario en YHN y MHN
 - Se colaboró con el Yuma Community Food Bank para proveer distribuciones de comida mensuales
 - Se colocaron puestos y se proporcionó información acerca de servicios disponibles en eventos vecinales
 - Cena de Gracias Anual en el Centro Vecinal Dr. Martin Luther King, aproximadamente 500 personas de bajos ingresos asistieron
 - Noche de Cine en el Centro Vecinal MLK, más de 80 jóvenes participaron

Después de la publicación de este anuncio, se inicia un periodo de comentarios de quince (15) días. Los comentarios pueden ser enviados por correo electrónico a Nikki.Hoogendoorn@YumaAZ.gov, en persona o por correo a Neighborhood Services, One City Plaza, Yuma, AZ 85364 o por teléfono (928) 373-5187, por fax al (928) 373-5188.

El Reporte Anual de Evaluación de Desempeño Consolidado (CAPER) completo puede ser examinado después del 10 de Septiembre del 2013 en el sitio www.ci.yuma.az.us o en los siguientes lugares:

City Clerk's Office and Department of Community Development, One City Plaza
Housing Authority of the City of Yuma (HACY), 420 Avenida Madison
Yuma County Library – Main Branch, 2951 S. 21 Drive y Heritage Branch, 350 3ra Avenida
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Orientation set for Miss Yuma County hopefuls

BY SARAH WOMER
@YSSARAHWOMER

A second orientation will be held for those interested in becoming Miss Yuma County 2014.

Prospective contestants and their parents are encouraged to attend the event, which will be held on Aug. 28 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Arizona Western College, 2020 S. Avenue 8E, in the 3C building.

During the meeting,

there will be information presented about what the title of Miss Yuma County entails, the application process, the competition and eligibility requirements.

Girls should be no younger than 17 at the time of the Miss Yuma County Scholarship Pageant on Nov. 2, and should be no older than 24 as of Dec. 31. Also, prospective contestants should be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Yuma County for at least

six months prior to competition.

Current Miss Yuma County Ashley Vicks said that she's hoping to have a total of at least 15 girls come out to compete for the local title.

"For years young women have benefited from involvement with the Miss Yuma County Scholarship Program. I am excited to work with members of the community to ensure that

this scholarship opportunity remains strong and expands in the future," said June Wolfe, executive director of the Miss Yuma County Scholarship program.

Visit www.missyumacounty.org for more information. Those who cannot attend the orientation event but are still interested in becoming a contestant should contact Wolfe at missyumacounty@yahoo.com or 210-7770.

BORQUEZ

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edly running a red light, striking the victim resulting in her death and failing to stop.

Count 3: Driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, a class 4 felony, for allegedly driving while impaired with a suspended, revoked or canceled driver's license and with a prior DUI conviction.

Count 4: Aggravated DUI, a class 6 felony, for allegedly driving with a suspended, revoked or canceled driver's license and while having a drug in the body.

Count 5: Aggravated DUI, a class 4 felony, for allegedly driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor while having two or more prior DUI violations. Lozano stated that Borquez had committed four DUI violations from 2010 to 2012.

Count 6: Aggravated DUI, a class 4 felony, for allegedly driving while having drugs in the body after being convicted of two or more DUI violations.

Count 7: Endangerment, a class 6 felony, for allegedly putting the life of an individual, identified only with the initials A.W. and born in 1987, in substantial danger of death.

Borquez asked for a public defender, telling the judge that he was not employed, had earned \$100 to \$200 in income this month,

had no money in a bank account and did not own a car or real estate.

Prosecutor Roger Nelson of the Yuma County Attorney's Office asked for a \$650,000 cash-only bond, noting that second-degree murder is a "serious crime." Rogers added that Borquez had allegedly left the scene of an accident involving the death of a person and made no attempt to aid, as well as pointing out that he was reportedly under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Borquez also reportedly attempted to conceal the car with his parent's help and tried to destroy evidence.

Lozano agreed to keep the \$650,000 cash-only bond amount.

If he posted the bond, the judge told Borquez he would be released with the following conditions: he can't leave the state; he promises to appear at all hearings, obey all laws and have no contact with any victims; and he cannot drive without a license, registration or insurance.

Lozano also said Borquez is prohibited from contacting the co-defendants, his parents, Guadalupe Borquez, 57, and Olivia Borquez, 54.

Borquez's next hearing is set for 2 p.m. Aug. 30.

STORM

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"It's certainly producing good strong winds and blowing dust," Pigett said.

The strong winds pushed a mobile home onto the roadway at 20th Avenue and Colorado Street. A semi-trailer blew over near 26th Street and Araby Road, causing road closures in the area.

Blowing dust limited visibility causing several accidents. Police received multiple reports of collisions, which were still under investigation by press time. The police and fire departments asked citizens to remain indoors if at all possible.

Along with the severe weather warning, the National Weather Service recommended that motorists encountering blowing dust while driving "pull over as far off the roadway as possible and park. Turn off your headlights and keep your foot off the brake."

AccuWeather meteorologist Pigett expected some areas just west of the city to receive an excess of three inches of rain. In areas east and northeast of Yuma, he called for one to 2 1/2 inches of rain and flash floods.

The meteorologist expected the storm to "collapse" at around 10 p.m.

Yuma Fire Department spokesman Mike Erfert noted "some pretty heavy rain on the east side of town." A resident reported that water flooded a basement in the Tamarack neighborhood, off of 24th Street.

Officials closed Araby Road between East 32 Street and the Interstate 8 overpass due to flooding. No southbound traffic was permitted from the I-8/Araby exits.

The fire department also reported several power poles and lines down in the area of 32nd Street at 8 1/2 E and in front of Carver School. Power lines were also down at Avenue 7E north of Highway 95.

Due to the power outage and the number of downed



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A LIGHT POLE FELL ONTO a parked vehicle in the 200 block of 16th Avenue caused by high winds from the thunderstorm Thursday evening.



A POWER POLE AND LINES WERE down in the area of 32nd Street and Avenue 8 1/2 E during the thunderstorm. Yuma Fire Department also reported power lines down in front of Carver School and in the general area of 21st Avenue between Colorado Street and 1st Street.

lines in the area, officials of the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District in Winterhaven, Calif., decided to cancel classes for Friday.

The power outages affected several traffic lights. "For right now, it's mostly the disruption of roadways due to downed power lines. We encourage people to stay indoors, if you don't have to be out, until it blows over," Erfert said.

"This is a good reminder

where trying to assess the damage," he said.

The fire department also reported a transformer fire and lines down in the area west of the City Public Works yard, off 1st Avenue.

Meteorologist Pigett expected the storm to "collapse" around 10 p.m.

"In some areas, there will be an excess of three inches of rain, just west of the city. It's not widespread, in some areas, east and northeast of Yuma, there will be one to 2 1/2 inches of rain and flash floods," Pigett said.

Other storm-related incidents included fallen cars, downed traffic and business signs, wood pole and palm tree on fire and flying roof shingles.

Hail was reported in the area of Arizona Western College, which canceled its night classes and the men's and women's soccer matches scheduled for the afternoon and evening.

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Oretta Ann "Knippy" Knipmeyer Ness, 82, a former resident of Yuma, died July 17, 2013, at her home in Henderson, Nev.

Born Dec. 17, 1930, in Keytesville, Mo., she was an educator, academic advisor and guidance counselor.

A memorial service was held July 20 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Henderson. Her remains will be at Corder Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Basic High School in Henderson, N.C., will be used to award student scholarships.

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PARENTS

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Borquez are the parents of Edgar Borquez, the alleged driver in a hit-and-run collision with 14-year-old Mary Rodriguez while the girl was skateboarding early Saturday morning. Rodriguez succumbed to her injuries Sunday night at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

According to Prosecutor Karolyn Kaczorowski of the Yuma County Attorney's Office, Edgar Borquez allegedly went home and woke up his parents after the incident and told them what had happened. The parents allegedly took the car to the back of their home, covered it and later removed parts of the vehicle to be taken to Mexico for repairs. This allegedly took place even after news reports of the incident.

Edgar Borquez, 23, was arrested Monday at his home in the 8100 block of

Yavapai Lane after Yuma police received a tip about the case on 78-CRIME. His car was seized as evidence.

Yuma police also arrested his parents after they admitted to concealing evidence. All three were booked into the Yuma County jail.

At about 4:52 a.m. Saturday, Yuma police responded to 24th Street and Avenue B after receiving a report of a collision involving a pedestrian. The victim, later identified as Rodriguez, was taken to Yuma Regional Medical Center for treatment. Due to the life-threatening injuries she had sustained, the girl was later flown to Phoenix Children's Hospital, where she died the following evening.

According to police, Rodriguez had been traveling southbound on a skateboard inside the crosswalk at the intersection when she was struck by a vehicle which left the scene.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The United States Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (USAG YPG) announces the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS), in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to analyze the environmental impacts resulting from implementation of activities and operation at the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) northeast of Yuma, Arizona, and a draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Notice of Availability (NOA) for this DPEIS was published in the Federal Register on August 16, 2013.

This document analyzes potential impacts from new construction, changes in testing and training, and activities conducted under private industry partnerships. Renewable energy initiatives are discussed in the DPEIS, but project-specific NEPA analysis will be required prior to implementing specific renewable energy initiatives. There are two alternatives analyzed in this DPEIS: (1) No Action which describes the conditions under which no new actions would occur. This would be no changes in testing and training activities conducted at YPG, and (2) the Proposed Action which includes new construction and associated demolition, testing and training activities occurring on YPG, and new testing and training proposed by tenants to meet anticipated testing or training needs. For the Proposed Action, the analysis is structured to allow the Army to select a subset of the proposed activities or, for certain activities, to select from among a range of options with regard to magnitude, frequency, or duration. The Army is not seeking to expand the boundaries of YPG and all proposed activities would be conducted within the boundaries of the installation or its currently authorized airspace. The PEIS will be used to develop a future Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) at YPG. At this time, a Preferred Alternative has not been selected. The Army will select a Preferred Alternative after consideration of input from government agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public.

A public meeting to discuss the DPEIS will be held on YPG from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Building 6, the Desert Breeze Travel Camp Community Center, located on the Main Administrative Area off of Imperial Dam Road on Tuesday September 24, 2013. A second public meeting on the DPEIS will be held at the Yuma Public Library, 2951 South 21st Drive, Yuma AZ, 85364 on Wednesday September 25, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The draft Section 106 PA addresses an ongoing program of operations and maintenance at YPG, as well as the activities considered in the DPEIS. USAG YPG determined that the development of a PA, in accordance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations § 800.14(b)(1)(ii) and (iv), is warranted because specific details on some projects are unknown and the effects on historic properties cannot be fully determined prior to their approval, and because of the routine nature of many actions that are part of the ongoing management and operation of YPG. The draft PA has been developed through consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally recognized tribes in the region, and will be available for review in order to provide an opportunity for members of the public to express their views on resolving adverse effects to historic properties that could result from the activities and operations at YPG.

The public comment period for the DPEIS officially begins with the publication of the NOA in the Federal Register and the document is available on the US EPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Database at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>. Comments on the DPEIS will be solicited through October 7, 2013. The DPEIS also will be available for review from August 23 through October 7, 2013, at the Yuma County Library, Main Branch, 2951 S. 21st Drive, the YPG Post Library, and the Foothills Branch Library, 13226 S Frontage Rd, Yuma, AZ. The Draft PA will be available for review at the same locations from September 2 through October 7, 2013. The public comment period for the draft Section 106 PA will be September 2 through October 7, 2013. The documents also can be viewed at the following website: http://www.yuma.army.mil/mhub_documents.shtml.

Final versions of the PEIS will be made available to the public for review and comment when completed. YPG will also accept public input throughout the NEPA process. All interested parties are invited to attend the public meetings and to submit comments or questions regarding the DPEIS by mail to Sergio Obregon, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, IMYM-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365-9498, or e-mail usarmyypg.imcom.mbx.nepa@mail.mil. By phone, contact Chuck Wullenjohn at (928) 328-6189 from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Comments or questions on the draft Section 106 PA should be submitted to Meg McDonald, Cultural Resources Manager, U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, IMYM-PWE, 301 C Street, Yuma AZ 85365-9498 or email alison.m.mcdonald.civ@mail.mil.

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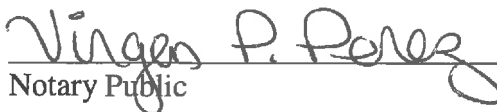
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What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

The **National Environmental Policy Act** requires federal agencies to prepare an **EIS** to assess the environmental impacts of federal actions that could significantly affect the human environment.*

**The human environment includes...Land, Air, Water, Living Organisms, and Cultural Resources.*

NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the social and environmental impacts of federal projects. It also requires that the public be allowed to participate in the decision making process.

NEPA allows for multiple levels of analysis with an EIS being the most detailed.

An EIS document describes the effects from the proposed federal action as well as those from alternative actions that were considered. It also presents information on mitigation to reduce any impacts.*

** An Impact is... A change or consequence that results from an activity; it can be positive, negative or both. It may be mitigated to lessen or remove the impact.*

How Do I Submit Comments?

Comments can be provided in person to the court reporter or in writing via the comment forms provided at this meeting. During the public review period, which ends October 7, 2013, additional comments can be submitted via mail or email to:

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Why Have a Public Meeting?

Public Meetings provide the opportunity for the public and government agencies to gather information and provide formal oral or written comments on-the-record. Comments received during the public meeting will be included in the official public record along with an official response to each comment.

What is the Next Step?

After the public review period, YPG will consider the public and agency input and prepare the Final PEIS. The Final PEIS and all comments and responses on the Draft PEIS will be made available to the public.



What Will This DPEIS Address?

What Will This DPEIS Address?

This Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) will address implementation of multiple projects, which include:

- Construction and demolition of facilities and infrastructure
- Changes to testing and training activities
- Changes to testing and training areas

The DPEIS addresses two types of actions:

- Short-term, well-defined actions that would be implemented without additional NEPA analysis once a decision is made
- Long-term, less well-defined actions that would occur later in time and would receive additional site-specific NEPA analysis prior to project implementation

Why is This a Programmatic EIS?

This is a programmatic EIS because some activities are evaluated broadly and will require additional focused NEPA analysis prior to implementation.

The broad analysis in this document will form the basis for subsequent NEPA analysis through a process called tiering.



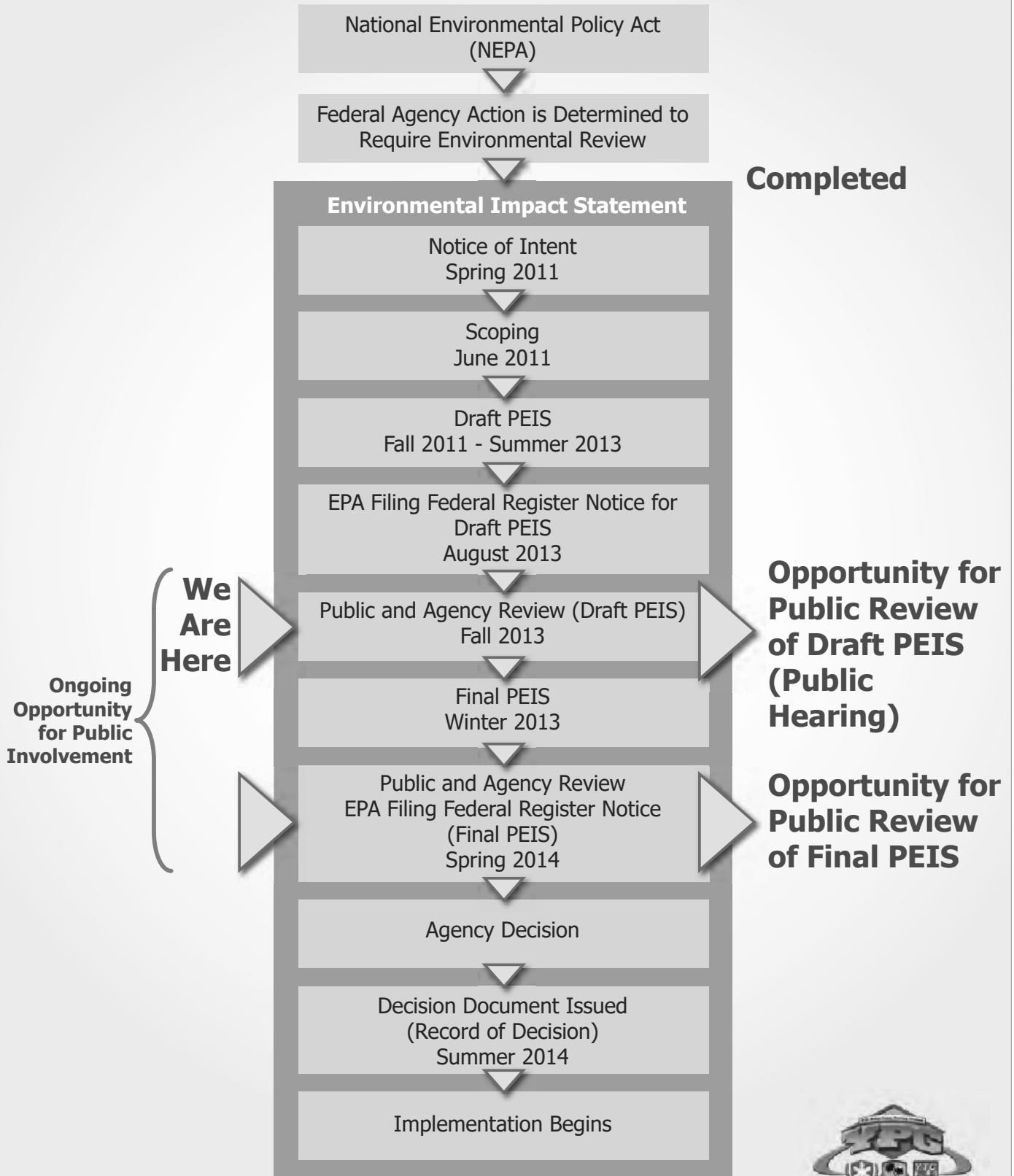
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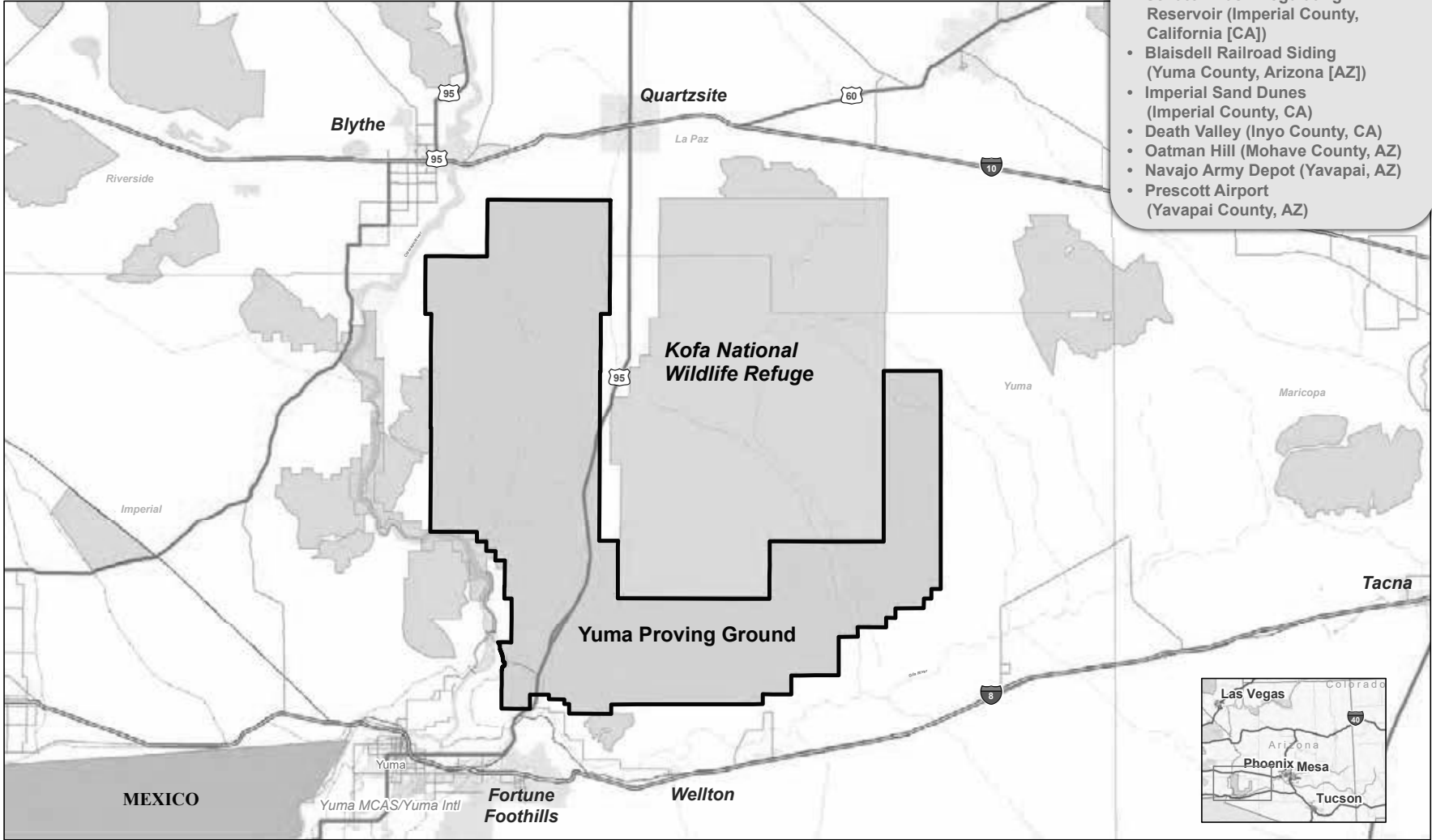


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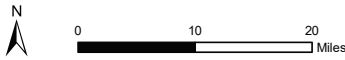
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 - Imperial Sand Dunes (Imperial County, CA)
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 - Navajo Army Depot (Yavapai, AZ)
 - Prescott Airport (Yavapai County, AZ)

— Limited Access Highway Federal Conservation Area
 — Highway Range Area
 — Major Road



Proposed Action

Activities Under Consideration

Under the Proposed Action, YPG would continue to operate as a multipurpose installation that serves a broad customer base. Activities anticipated at YPG include:

1. New Construction and Demolition of Facilities and Infrastructure
 - Buildings
 - Runways/Helipads
 - Utilities
2. Modified/Increased Testing
 - New sensors and systems
 - Increased range and power of weapons
 - Improvements in vehicle systems
 - Combat vehicles
3. Ongoing/New Training
4. Weapons Firing/Impact Areas
 - Small Arms/Inert
 - High Explosive
 - Gun Positions



Purpose and Need

Purpose of the Proposed Action

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to enable YPG to continue to meet its military mission by providing adequate facilities and infrastructure for:

- Testing military ground and aerial vehicle systems
- Testing weapons, ammunition, sensors, and guidance systems
- Providing realistic military training
- Providing for private industry partnerships



Need for the Proposed Action

The Proposed Action would ensure the readiness of U.S. forces and materiel to meet the demands of hot arid environment theaters around the world. The project would allow YPG to maintain a facility capable of state of the art testing of military ground and aerial vehicle systems, weapons, munitions, sensors, and guidance systems; to provide realistic training; and to allow flexibility to enter into Army/private industry projects.



