



Proposed Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment in Support of Large-Scale MAGTF Live Fire and Maneuver Training

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Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center
Twentynine Palms, CA

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Secretary of Navy Issues Record of Decision (ROD) for Marine Corps Proposal to Achieve Marine Expeditionary Brigade Training Capability

- **The Secretary of the Navy selects Alternative 6 – the Preferred Alternative – with further mitigation as the path forward to secure sustained, combined-arms, live-fire and maneuver MEB training capability at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.**
 - The Department of the Navy has submitted a withdrawal application to the Bureau of Land Management and will submit a proposal for lands in the Alternative 6 footprint to Congress for inclusion this year in the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act.
 - The DoN will also submit appropriation requests to be able to purchase non-federal lands in the Alternative 6 footprint at fair market value.
 - The DoN will submit a request for Special Use Airspace establishment and modification to the Federal Aviation Administration.
- **BLM and the Marine Corps have recommended to Congress that they jointly manage a Shared Use Area of 43,049 acres.**
 - If approved by Congress, the Marine Corps and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will enter into a written agreement to manage a 43,049-acre Shared Use Area that will allow for public, off-highway vehicle and other recreation uses 10 months of the year, when the land is not needed for MEB training exercises.
 - BLM and the Marine Corps will establish a Resource Management Group to address all issues associated with the Shared Use Area and will implement an effective community/public outreach plan to ensure the public understands land use changes and safety issues associated with any new installation footprint.
- **Future Project Milestones**
 - Congressional action on public lands withdrawal request (2013)
 - FAA undertake processes to consider establishment and modification of Special Use Airspace at MCAGCC (2013-2014)
 - Congress to appropriate funds to pay for non-federal lands acquisition and for range equipment and preparation (2013-2014)
 - The Marine Corps Training and Education Command/MCAGCC would undertake range preparations in 2013 and 2014
 - MCAGCC would commence MEB building block training on any new lands and in new airspace in 2014
 - MCAGCC would undertake MEB sustained, combined-arms, live-fire and maneuver training in 2015

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