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SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. –

The Department of the Navy is in the initial stages of preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of alternative desert tortoise translocation options at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Twentynine Palms, CA.

Translocation of the desert tortoise is necessary to support training on newly-acquired training areas resulting from a 2013 Record of Decision for Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment at MCAGCC.

A Draft Supplemental EIS is scheduled for public release in October 2016 and will be available for a 45-day public review, during which three (3) public information meetings will be held in the communities of Joshua Tree, Palm Springs, and Barstow.

A Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental EIS and more details about the public meetings will be provided before release of the draft document. Announcements will identify specific opportunities for the public to provide your comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS.

For more information, please visit the project website at <http://www.SEISforLAA.com> or call the

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