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DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of alternative desert tortoise translocation options at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Twentynine Palms, CA is now available for public review and comment.

The SEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts alternatives addressing different methodologies and locations for implementing a desert tortoise translocation program in support of training exercises on the newly acquired lands. Potential impacts for biological resources, land use and air quality are analyzed. Translocation of the desert tortoise is necessary to support recovery of the species while enabling training on newly-acquired training areas provided to MCAGCC in the FY 2014 Fiscal Year National Defense Authorization Act.

The Notice of Availability for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment to Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground Task Force Live-Fire and Maneuver Training at MCAGCC, Twentynine Palms, California, was published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2016. In conjunction with the Draft SEIS Notice of Availability, the Department of the Navy published a Notice of Public Meetings on September 30, 2016.

The public has a review period of 45-day from September 30, 2016 to November 14, 2016, during which public information meetings will be held in the communities of Joshua Tree, Palm Springs and Barstow during this period:

Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Joshua Tree Community Center
6171 Sunburst Street
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Palm Springs Convention Center
277 N. Avenida Caballeros
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Barstow Harvey House
681 N. 1st Avenue
Barstow, CA 92311

Comments can be made at the meetings and also through the website:

<http://www.SEISforLAA.com>, or by mail to the following address:

29Palms SEIS Project Team
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In addition, persons who wish to be added to the mailing list may send a request to the SEIS project manager at the above address. For more information, please visit the project website at <http://www.SEISforLAA.com> or call the Resource Management Group at (760) 830-3737.