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MARINE CORPS CONTINUES REVIEW OF COMMENTS RECEIVED ON PROJECT TO MEET MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE TRAINING REQUIREMENT

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS (Sept. 18, 2012) – The Marine Corps continues to review comments on the potential land expansion and airspace establishment and modification at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. before finalizing a Record of Decision (ROD), now anticipated for release in November or December 2012.

On July 27, 2012, the Marine Corps announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) of its study of reasonable alternatives for potential land acquisition and airspace establishment to meet its Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training requirements.

The 30-day wait period on the FEIS ended on August 27, 2012. In response to the release of the FEIS, approximately 1,000 individual, agency and non-governmental organization comment letters were received on the FEIS.

Although the Marine Corps and the Department of the Navy (DoN) had originally scheduled the release of the ROD for September 2012, review and consideration of comments on the FEIS continues in order to ensure all comments are thoroughly evaluated, and that the action selected in the ROD meets requirements to achieve MEB training while avoiding to the degree practicable impacts on recreation, socio-economic, natural and other resources.

For more information regarding the Twentynine Palms Training Land/Airspace Acquisition Project, visit www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/las, e-mail SMBPLMSWEBPAO@usmc.mil, or call 760-830-3764.