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RECORD OF DECISION

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

The United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy (DoN), on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), serving as a Cooperating Agency, prepared a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to study alternative plans for translocating tortoises from newly-acquired training areas associated with the Final SEIS for Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms. The public release of the Final SEIS on January 6, 2017 initiated a 30-day waiting period, during which the DoN and the BLM consider public comments while preparing separate Records of Decision (RODs).

The joint Notice of Availability for the RODs was published in the Federal Register. In their respective RODs, each agency selected the preferred alternative, Alternative 2, as the “environmentally preferable” alternative and identified why it was chosen.

The DoN RODs and Final SEIS are posted in electronic format on the project website: www.SEISforLAA.com and on the Combat Center’s website: www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5-Government-and-External-Affairs/SEISforLAA. Printed copies are available for review at the following libraries:

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This concludes the National Environmental Policy Act process for the SEIS. The U.S. Marine Corps appreciates your interest in this project. To gather more information, please visit the project website at <http://www.SEISforLAA.com> or contact the Resource Management Group at (760) 830-3737.