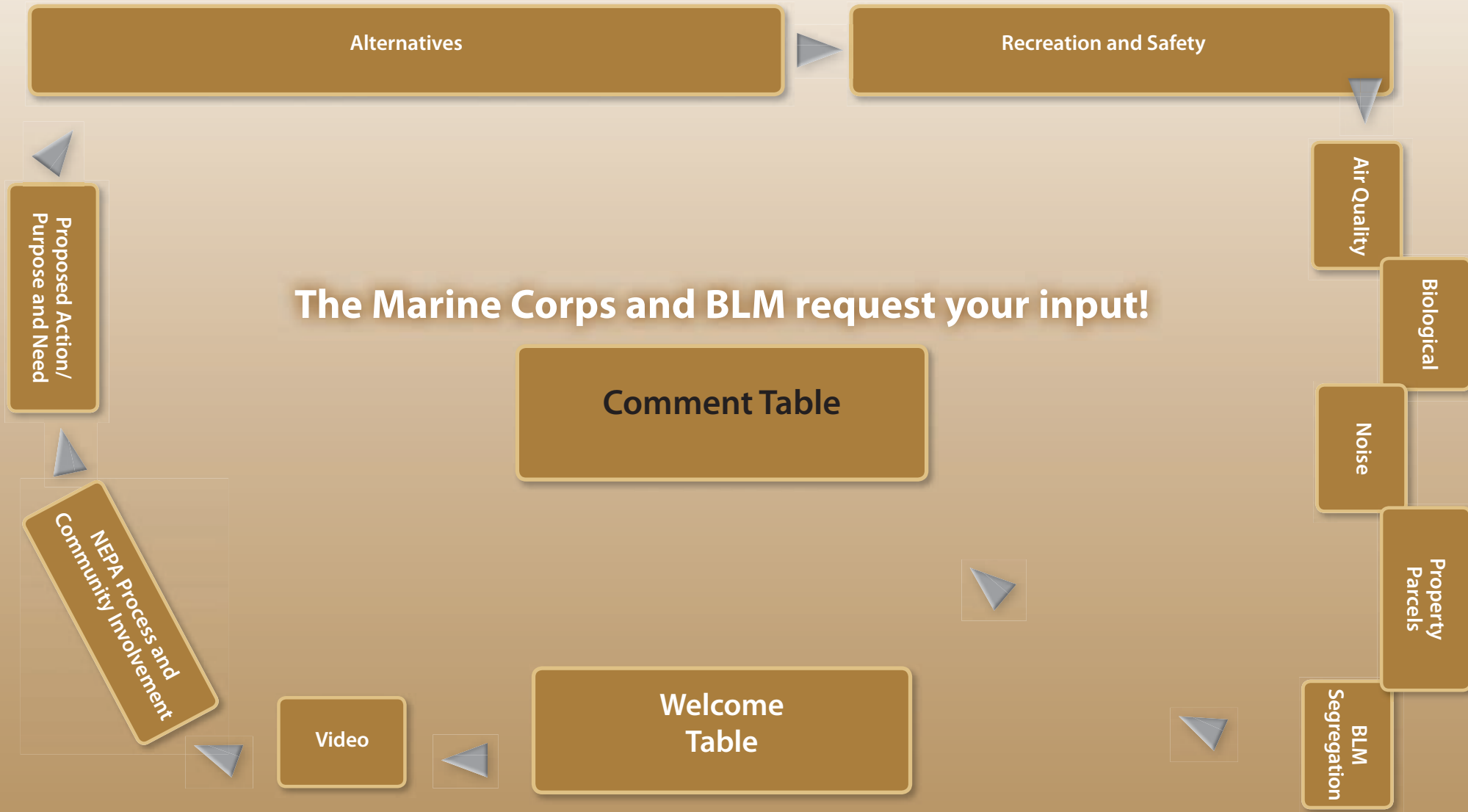
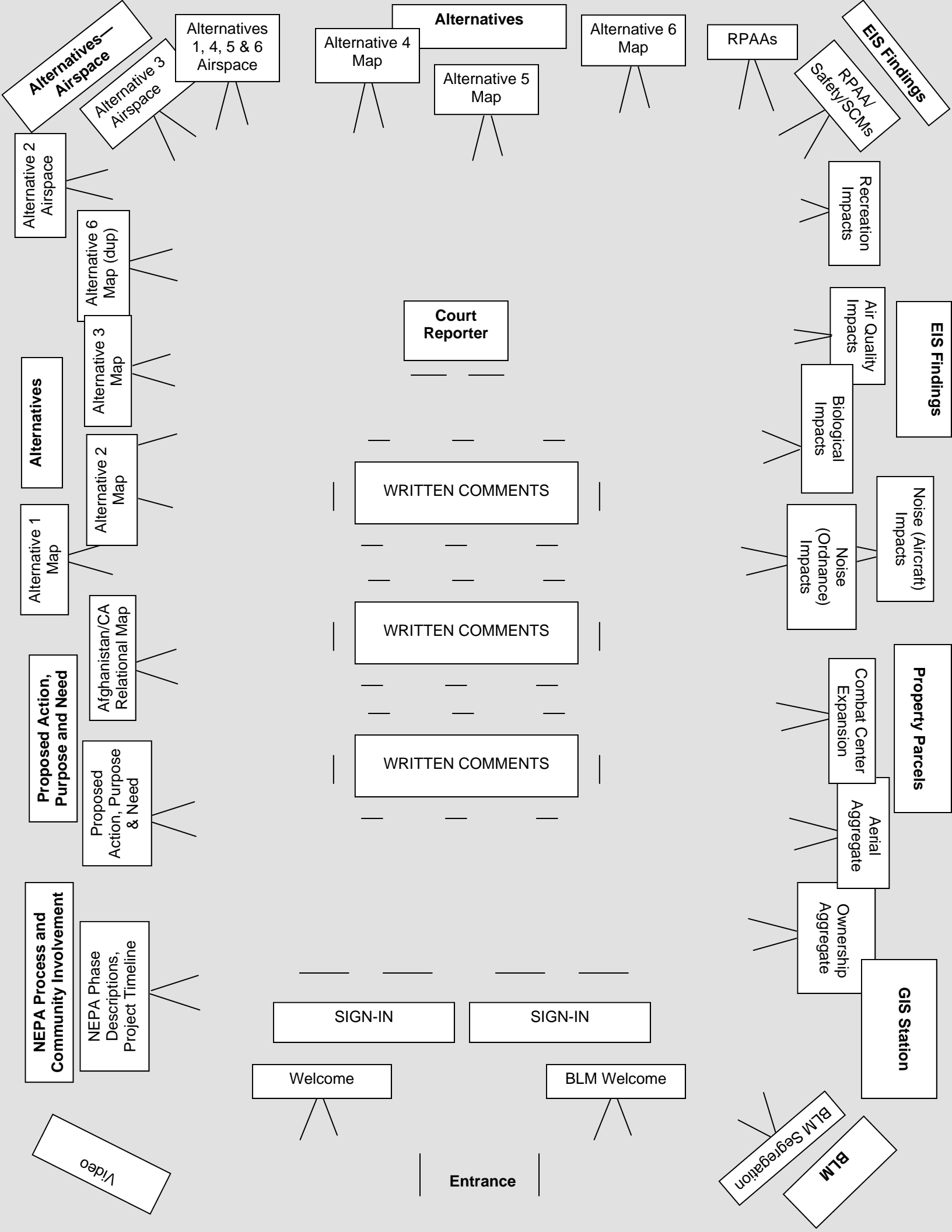




Welcome to the Open House Public Meeting

Subject matter experts are available at each station to provide information and answer your questions.







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Public Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Location: _____

Date: _____

Name	Organization (if applicable)	Address (Address is not required)	E-mail	Would you like to be added to the 29Palms EIS mailing list?
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NEPA Process and Community Involvement

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires U.S. federal agencies to consider the potential environmental consequences of their actions before making a decision. The public participates in the NEPA process by helping to identify environmental issues and potential alternatives during the scoping period and evaluating the environmental analysis during the public review periods. All public comments are considered, and the U.S. Marine Corps will not proceed with any proposed action until the NEPA process is complete.

Project Materials and Draft EIS Availability

Informational materials and project documents are available on the project website at www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/las and at the following information repositories:

Barstow Branch Library

304 E. Buena Vista St.
Barstow, CA 92311

Joshua Tree Library

6465 Park Blvd.
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Lucerne Valley Janice Horst Branch Library

33103 Old Woman Springs Road
Lucerne Valley, CA 92356

Needles Branch Library

1111 Bailey Ave.
Needles, CA 92363

Newton T. Bass Apple Valley Branch Library

14901 Dale Evans Parkway
Apple Valley, CA 92307

Ovitt Family Community Library

215 E. C St.
Ontario, CA 91764

Sacramento Public Library Central Branch

828 I St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

San Bernardino County Library

104 W. Fourth St.
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Twentynine Palms Library

6078 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Victorville City Library

15011 Circle Drive
Victorville, CA 92395

Yucca Valley Branch Library

57098 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

The National Environmental Policy Act process emphasizes the importance of public involvement during the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The public is encouraged to comment and provide feedback on the proposed action, alternatives and potential environmental impacts as presented in the Draft EIS. Public participation helps the Marine Corps make more informed decisions about its proposed action.

Commenting on the Draft EIS

The Marine Corps requests and welcomes your comments on the Draft EIS. Interested parties can comment on the Draft EIS in any of the following ways:

- Submit oral and written comments at the public meetings
- Submit comments via the project website at www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/las
- Mail comments to:
Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

***All comments must be received or postmarked by May 26, 2011,
for consideration in the Final EIS.***



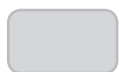
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The Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Marine Corps and in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and Federal Aviation Administration, has prepared a Draft EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed expansion of the training range at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The table below shows the steps of the NEPA process and identifies opportunities for public involvement.

Milestone	Description	Schedule
Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS	Publication of the NOI in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers started the initial public involvement phase of the NEPA process.	Oct. 30, 2008
▶ Scoping Period	<p>The scoping process actively involved the public and other agencies in identifying the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS as well as other potential alternatives to accomplish the purpose and need.</p> <p>Three scoping meetings and a 94-day public comment period were provided during the scoping period, more than the minimum 30 days required under NEPA.</p>	<p>Scoping Period: Oct. 30, 2008 – Jan. 31, 2009</p> <p>Scoping Meetings: Twentynine Palms – Dec. 3, 2008 Victorville – Dec. 4, 2008 Ontario – Dec. 5, 2008</p>
Draft EIS	The Draft EIS presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for the proposed action and each alternative, including a No-Action Alternative. The Draft EIS has been made available for public and agency review and comment. The Draft EIS was filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties.	Feb. 25, 2011
▶ Notice of Availability followed by Public Meetings and Comment Period	The Draft EIS is made available to the public to comment on the analysis for 90 days, more than the minimum 45 days required under NEPA. During this time, three public meetings will be held.	<p>Public Comment Period: Feb. 25, 2011 – May 26, 2011</p> <p>Public Meetings: Joshua Tree – April 12, 2011 Ontario – April 13, 2011 Victorville – April 14, 2011</p>
Final EIS and Notice of Availability	The Final EIS is an update to the Draft EIS based on comments received during the public meetings and comment period. The Notice of Availability of the Final EIS is published in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers. The Final EIS is filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties.	December 2011
▶ 30-Day Wait Period	Regulations provide for a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS is published before the agency may take final action. During that period, in addition to the agency's own internal final review, the public and other agencies can comment on the Final EIS before the agency's final action on the proposal.	January 2012
Record of Decision	After the 30-day wait period and considering public comments on the potential environmental impacts, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment) will select an alternative and issue a Record of Decision. A Notice of Record of Decision is published in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers and made available to interested parties.	April 2012

▶ Opportunities for Public Review and Comment



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Center*



*Resource Conservation,
Renewable Energy and
Sustainability*



The U.S. Marine Corps
strives to protect
natural and cultural
resources at the
Combat Center while
conducting the
training necessary for
military readiness.



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DATE: _____

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2. ORGANIZATION (if applicable) _____

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