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Army publishes the record of decision for proposed land retention at Pōhakuloa Training Area

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawai'i (August 7, 2025) – The U.S. Army has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding Army training land retention at Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) on the island of Hawai'i.

Located between Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea, and Hualālai on the island of Hawai'i, PTA is the largest contiguous live-fire range and maneuver training area in Hawai'i. Of the approximately 132,000 acres at PTA, the Army leases approximately 23,000 acres from the state. The Army's 65-year lease of the state-owned land is set to expire in August 2029.

The ROD was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A notice has been published in the Federal Register to announce the availability of the ROD. The Army based its decision on the analysis contained in the Final EIS, comments received during formal public comment and review periods, and the ability of each alternative to meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action.

The EIS evaluated the potential impacts of a range of alternatives. The alternatives considered were: 1) Maximum Retention (of approximately 22,750 acres); 2) Modified Retention (of approximately 19,700 acres); 3) Minimum Retention and Access (of approximately 10,100 acres and 11 miles of roads and training trails); and 4) the No Action Alternative. The Army has identified modified retention as the selected alternative in the ROD.

The ROD, Final EIS, and related information are available on the U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i's EIS webpage at: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/ptaeis/documents>.

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