

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD**

**DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT FOR THE MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION  
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY AT JOINT BASE LEWIS-  
McCHORD, WASHINGTON**

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Chapter V Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Army regulations (32 CFR Part 651), the Department of the Army (Army) gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the Recreational Vehicle (RV) Storage Facility at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington.

**Proposed Action:** The proposed action is to construct, operate, and maintain a new RV storage lot to accommodate the growing number of privately owned recreational vehicles. Storage spaces are available to Department of Defense (DoD) cardholders only. Priority for storage space rentals is as follows with highest priority listed first:

- Active duty living on-base (must provide documentation from JBLM housing),
- Active duty living off-base,
- Retirees/reservists, and
- DoD civilians.

The purpose of the proposed action is to support the JBLM, Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) through providing leisure activities that support a quality of life commensurate with generally accepted American values, fostering pride in one's community, and easing the impacts of military life.

There is a waitlist for RV storage space containing approximately 180 eligible DoD cardholders. The nearest DoD installations that offer RV storage are well outside the target market region of approximately 20 miles. Off-base RV storage space costs more and involves extra travel time during pick-up and drop-off than on-post storage lots.

Recreational opportunities for Soldiers and their families have been programmatically assessed in the Final EIS for the Fort Lewis Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment, July 2010 and the Final Programmatic EIS for the Realignment, Growth and Stationing of Army Aviation Assets, 2011.

**Existing Conditions:** The extent of the proposed action is limited to the McChord Field Flightline of JBLM. Implementation of the proposed action could affect multiple resource areas. After consideration of the anticipated impacts associated with the proposed action and alternatives, the following resource topics were carried forward and analyzed in the EA:

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- Land Use and Recreation
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Vegetation
- Wildlife
- Air quality, Noise, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Cultural Resources
- Public Services and Utilities

**Alternatives Analyzed:** The EA analyzed two alternatives, a No Action Alternative and one Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, no additional RV storage lot would be established. The proposed action would provide 440 spaces for RVs of varying lengths from 21 feet to greater than 40 feet long.

**Environmental Effects:** The EA evaluated effects of implementing the proposed action. The EA determined that the proposed action would have negligible or less than significant impacts on land use and recreation; hydrology and water quality; vegetation; wildlife; air quality, noise, and greenhouse gas emissions; hazardous, toxic, and radiological waste; cultural resources; and public services and utilities.

The EA determined that the proposed action when viewed in combination with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions at JBLM is not expected to contribute any potentially significant cumulative impacts.

**Public Involvement:** A Notice of Availability of the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) were published from DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR in local newspapers. The EA and FNSI were made available for public review on the Public Works Directorate at JBLM website <https://home.army.mil/lewis-mcchord/index.php?cid=452>. The 30-day public comment period on the EA and FNSI was from DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR. The EA and FNSI will be available on the Public Works Directorate at JBLM website above.

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**Finding:** I have considered the results of the analysis referenced above, comments received, and Army mission requirements. In review of the resource areas potentially impacted by the proposed action, I find that implementing the proposed action will have no significant environmental impacts on the natural or human environment. Based on this documentation, which has incorporated or referenced the best information available, I have taken a hard look at known impacts and determined that the implementation of the proposed action will not significantly affect the environment, and therefore, an EIS is not warranted.

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