

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

**DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE PROGRAMMATIC  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR RECREATION CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS  
USE AT JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, WASHINGTON**

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations 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 EA was prepared and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for uses by local recreation clubs and organizations at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington.

**Proposed Action:** The Army proposes to continue issuing short-term real property licenses with local recreation clubs and organizations to grant them non-exclusive use on JBLM for recreational purposes. Each license would be valid for one year. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to allow local recreation clubs and organizations use of JBLM. The Proposed Action is needed to allow local recreation clubs and organizations to train and build their skills.

**Existing Conditions:** Located in Pierce and Thurston counties in western Washington, JBLM encompasses more than 90,000 acres bordering Tacoma, Washington, to the southeast, approximately 35 miles south of Seattle and 7 miles northeast of Olympia, Washington. JBLM contains areas that accommodate many recreational activities.

**Alternatives Analyzed:** The Army is considering one action alternative that meets the purpose and need for the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action would allow the Army to enter into real estate agreements with local recreation clubs and organizations using a programmatic environmental analysis. The No-Action Alternative would result in continuing to prepare individual NEPA analysis for each license issued.

**Environmental Effects:** Implementation of the Proposed Action would result in no significant changes in impacts to the environment from the existing conditions. Currently, each local recreation club's or organization's real estate license must be processed and evaluated independently with separate NEPA documentation. This environmental assessment programmatically assesses local recreation clubs and organizations at JBLM.

**Finding:** Based on the analysis presented in the EA, the Army finds the Proposed Action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, preparation of an EIS is not necessary.

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