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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ALCOM Alaskan Command

CEQ Council on Environmental Quality

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

EIS Environmental Impact Statement

JPARC Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex
NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NOA Notice of Availability

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APPENDIX M DRAFT EIS REVIEW PROCESSAND PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

M.0 SUMMARY OF DRAFT EIS REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

Alaskan Command (ALCOM) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) objectives for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review process included providing the public and government entities a copy of the draft EIS, a forum to learn more about the draft EIS, and ample opportunity to comment on the document. NEPA public notification and public hearing requirements for the draft EIS review process are outlined in 32 Code of Federal regulations (CFR) 989 and in Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations. Knowing the importance of the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) EIS proposals to Alaskan citizens, ALCOM exceeded NEPA notification and review period requirements for the JPARC EIS and associated public hearings.

The draft EIS review process took place from March 30 to July 9, 2012. NEPA requires a minimal 45-day draft EIS review process. For this project, the draft EIS review process lasted just over 100 days. The process included the following steps, which were conducted between March 30 and July 9, 2012:

- Notification of the Availability of the Draft EIS
- Draft EIS Distribution
- Public Hearings
- Opportunities for Comment
- Notification of the Continuation of the Public Review Process for the Draft EIS

Through these notification and public hearing steps, which are explained further below, ALCOM requested the public, agencies, and interested stakeholders to provide oral or written comments on the draft EIS.

M.0.1 Notification of the Availability of the Draft EIS and Draft EIS Distribution

The draft EIS notification process began with the publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the *Federal Register* on March 30, 2012 (Section M.1). Additionally, the public was notified of the availability of the draft EIS and the corresponding public hearings in the following ways, with the website, e-mail, and flyer notifications exceeding NEPA requirements. Further details regarding these notification processes are provided below.

- Direct Mailings or E-mail Notifications (Section <u>M.2</u>) to the project mailing list, March 22 to April 3, 2012
- Project Website (Section M.3.1), <u>www.jparceis.com</u>, advertising hearings and accepting comments from March 30, 2012 to July 9, 2012
- Newspaper Display Advertisements (Section M.3.2) published April 26 to June 14, 2012
- Press Releases (Section M.3.3) and Public Service Announcements (PSAs, Section M.3.4), issued April to May 2012 to media venues throughout the region of impact

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• Flyers (Section M.3.5), included in all direct mailings and as attachments to e-mail notifications, requested by ALCOM to be posted in public location, April to May 2012

Every notification provided the dates and locations of the public hearings, avenues for obtaining a copy of the draft EIS, the closing date for the public comment period, the EIS website address, and the ALCOM address and phone number for submitting comments or obtaining additional information. Further details regarding the notification materials are described below.

Direct Mailings or E-mail Notifications (Section M.2): From March 22 to April 3, 2012, ALCOM distributed letters and/or e-mails to persons and entities on the project mailing list. The project mailing list was established throughout the EIS process. ALCOM originated the mailing list from previous Air Force and Army environmental assessment or environmental impact statement mailing lists and then added agencies and entities ALCOM anticipated to have interest in the JPARC EIS. ALCOM then supplemented the mailing list with entities or citizens expressing interest in the JPARC EIS, commenting at any point throughout the EIS process, and/or attending scoping meetings or public hearings.

The letters and e-mails distributed to the project mailing list provided the dates and locations of the public hearings, avenues for obtaining a copy of the draft EIS, the closing date for the public comment period, and the ALCOM Public Affairs address and phone number. ALCOM distributed letters to all physical mailing addresses on the project mailing list and e-mails to individuals where ALCOM had only an e-mail address in their records.

Included as an attachment to these letters and e-mails was a flyer for posting of dates, times, and locations of the public hearings. ALCOM requested recipients to post the flyers in a public location. Some letters also included copies of the draft EIS and/or the Executive Summary if a copy was specifically requested. The following letters and distributions lists are located in Section $\underline{M.2.1}$ through $\underline{M.2.7}$.

- Draft EIS Cover Letter Congressional Delivery and Governor Letters
- Memorandum for Federally Recognized Tribes and Distribution List
- Memorandum for Libraries and Repositories, Organizations, Public Groups, and Government Agencies
- Memorandum for State Historic Preservation Offices and Distribution List
- Memorandum Regarding Endangered Species Act Section 107 and Distribution List
- Memorandum for Interested Individuals Announcing Draft EIS Availability and Public Hearing Dates and Distribution List
- E-mail Announcement for Interested Individuals Announcing Draft EIS Availability and Public Hearing Dates

As part of these direct mailings, ALCOM distributed a hard copy and a compact disc of the draft EIS to the following library repositories throughout the State of Alaska.

- Anchorage Z. J. Loussac UAA Alaska Resources Library and Information Services
- Fairbanks North Star Borough (Noel Wien) Public Library

- Fairbanks Elmer E. Rasmuson Library
- Palmer Public Library
- Copper Valley Community Library
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Glennallen
- Paxson Lodge
- Delta Community Library
- Tri-Valley School/Community Library
- Talkeetna Public Library
- Willow Public Library
- Wasilla Public Library

Project Website (Section M.3.1): The project website was updated by March 30, 2012, with the proposed actions and alternatives, as shown in the draft EIS. The project website advertised the public hearings, included links to the flyer for posting and to the draft EIS for downloading, provided instructions on how to obtain a hard copy of the draft EIS and included a page for visitors to submit comments on the draft EIS.

Newspaper Display Advertisements (Section M.3.2): Newspaper advertisements were placed in six newspapers located between Anchorage and Fairbanks. These advertisements were published in late March and early April to notify the public of the availability of the draft EIS. A second set of advertisements were published in April, approximately two weeks before the public hearings to provide notification of the dates, times, and locations of those hearings.

Date of Publication to Advertise Newspaper Publishing Newspaper Date of Publication to Notice of Availability of Draft EIS Advertisement **Advertise Public Hearings** Anchorage Daily News March 30, 2012 April 27, 2012 April 26, 2012 Chugiak-Eagle River Star April 5, 2012 April 26, 2012 Copper River Record April 12, 2012 April 5, 2012 April 26, 2012 Delta Wind Fairbanks Daily News Miner March 30, 2012 April 30, 2012 Frontiersman March 30, 2012 April 27, 2012

Table M-1. Newspaper Advertisement Dates

Press Releases (Section M.3.3) and Public Service Announcements (PSAs, Section M.3.4): ALCOM Public Affairs issued press releases between April and May 2012 to media venues throughout the region of impact.

Flyers (Section M.3.5): ALCOM included flyers in every direct mailing and as attachments to e-mail notifications. ALCOM requested recipients to post the flyers in public locations.

M.0.2 Public Hearings

The Air Force and Army held 11 formal public hearings in 10 locations between Anchorage and Fairbanks, from May 11 through May 23, in the middle of the public draft EIS review period. Pursuant to NEPA and the CEQ regulations, the hearings provided the affected individuals and

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groups with enough relevant information to give them better informed perspectives on the proposed actions and alternatives.

Public hearings were held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., except in Fairbanks, where meetings were held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Meeting attendees were asked to sign in, and Air Force and Army resource specialists were on hand to provide information and to answer questions on each proposed action and the associated alternatives. Specifically, they explained the necessity of the JPARC proposals, described the proposed alternatives, summarized the NEPA process, and provided a tentative schedule of milestones.

A total of 17 full-color posters exhibiting the proposed actions and alternatives were available for review at each hearing. Through handouts and notification materials, ALCOM clarified that comments should be submitted at the public hearings; to ALCOM Public Affairs, 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska 99506; via phone at 907–552–2341; or via the EIS website at www.jparceis.com. Comment forms were available for participants to provide written comments. During the hearings, ALCOM handed out printed copies of the draft EIS and advised participants that substantive public comments received by the close of the comment period would be responded to in the final EIS and considered during final EIS preparations. ALCOM also advised participants to sign-up to receive a copy of the final EIS either at the sign-in table or on a comment sheet. Following the public hearings, the Air Force added all of the attendees who signed-in, including those who provided verbal testimony or written comments, to the mailing list and recorded which were to receive a copy of the final EIS.

Approximately 45-minutes after the start of each hearing, Air Force and Army representatives provided a presentation to the public explaining the purpose and need for the JPARC. The presentation also went into detail regarding the proposals and the summaries of the environmental impacts for each proposal. Copies of the public hearing materials are contained in Sections M.4.1 through M.4.5. These materials include the sign-in sheet, hearing posters and handouts, and ALCOM's presentation script and slides.

<u>Table M-2</u> shows the hearing dates and locations, the number of hearing attendees, the number of written comments received, and the numbers of public testimonies received during the hearing. Copies of the official transcripts of the verbal testimony for each hearing are located in Section M.4.6.1 through M.4.6.10.

In addition to the public hearings, Air Force and Army leadership held community briefings in Anchorage, Palmer, Glenallen, Delta Junction, and Healy. <u>Table M-3</u> shows the meeting dates. Community leaders, JPARC team attendees, and descriptive summaries of the community briefings are provided in Section <u>M.4.7</u>.

Table M-2. Public Hearing Attendees and Number and Types of Comments

| Date/Time | Location | Attendees Checking in at Sign-in Table | Written Comments Submitted | Public Testimonies | Persons Testifying |
|--|---|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Friday, May 11, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | University of Alaska, Anchorage, Lucy Cuddy Hall, 2921 Spirit Way, Anchorage, AK | 15 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Monday, May 14, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Palmer Community Center (The Railroad Depot), 610 S. Valley Way, Palmer, AK | 24 | 2 | 16 | 12 |
| Tuesday, May 15, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Lake Louise Lodge, Mile 16.1 Lake Louise Road, Glennallen, AK | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wednesday, May 16, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Caribou Hotel, Mile 186.5 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, AK | 15 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Thursday, May 17, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Paxson Lodge, Mile 185.5 Richardson Highway, Paxson, AK | 13 | 0 | 11 | 9 |
| Friday, May 18, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Alaskan Steakhouse and Motel, Mile 265 Richardson Highway, Delta Junction, AK | 20 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| Saturday, May 19, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks, William R. Wood Center, multi-level lounge, 505 S. Chandalar Dr., Fairbanks, AK | 21 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Saturday, May 19, 2012 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks, William R. Wood Center, multi-level lounge, 505 S. Chandalar Dr., Fairbanks, AK | 14 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Monday, May 21, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Tri-Valley Community Center, 1 Healy Spur Rd, Healy, AK | 7 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Swiss Alaska Inn, 22056 South F Street Talkeetna, AK | 15 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Wednesday, May 23, 2012 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Menard Memorial Sports Center, 1001 S. Mack Drive Wasilla, AK | 18 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | TOTALS | 172 | 13 | 62 | 51 |

Table M-3. Community Briefing Dates and Locations

| Date | Community |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| May 11, 2012 | Anchorage Community Leadership |
| May 14, 2012 | Palmer Community Leadership |
| May 16, 2012 | Glennallen Community Leadership |
| May 18, 2012 | Delta Junction Community Leadership |
| May 21, 2012 | Healy Community Leadership |

M.0.3 Opportunities for Comment

The Air Force provided the public several opportunities and methods for commenting on the draft EIS during the public hearing and public comment process, including public hearing written comments; public hearing testimony; by mail; via e-mail; via website; by phone; and via fax.

Once the draft EIS public comment period closed, ALCOM reviewed and responded specifically to comments in the final EIS. Appendix N, *Draft EIS Comments and Responses*, contains copies of public and agency comments received during the draft EIS review process and the responses to those comments. It also provides a summary of the number of comments submitted, how they were submitted, and by whom.

M.0.4 Notification of the Continuation of the Public Review Process for the Draft EIS

The closing date for the draft EIS review period was originally June 7, 2012. After receiving comments requesting an extension of the comment period, ALCOM extended the comment period to July 9, 2012, six weeks beyond the original timeline. ALCOM advertised and provided notification of the extension via the following methods:

- Sent out direct letters announcing the comment period extension (Section M.5.1)
- Issued a press release to local media (Section M.5.2)
- Posted a Notice of Continuation in the *Federal Register* (Section <u>M.5.3</u>)
- Issued an e-mail announcement to the project mailing list (Section M.5.4)
- Published public newspaper display advertisements (Section M.5.5)
- Mailed postcards to the project mailing list (Section M.5.6)
- Included flyer for public posting with direct letter and e-mails (Section M.5.7)

Prior to the mailing, the contractor updated the project mailing list with public hearing attendees as well as with commenters. Newspaper display advertisements to announce the extension were placed in the newspapers on the dates shown in <u>Table M-4</u>.

Table M-4. Dates for Newspaper Advertisement of Review Period Continuation

| Newspaper | Date of Publication | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Anchorage Daily News | June 8, 2012 | | |
| Chugiak-Eagle River Star | June 14, 2012 | | |
| Copper River Record | June 14, 2012 | | |
| Delta Wind | June 14, 2012 | | |
| Fairbanks Daily News Miner | June 8, 2012 | | |
| Frontiersman | June 8, 2012 | | |

On July 9, 2012, the public comment period closed.

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calculations, and how good is the available data?

- What methods can be used to determine reserve zones?
- (2) Optimal transmission switching:
- · Simple optimal DC transmission switching appears to represent a potentially solvable technical problem using existing computational resources if transmission operators optimize only a small number of transmission switch positions. It is less clear whether transmission switching model formulations that include realistic representations of reliability requirements are solvable. What is the performance of these more complex model formulations?
- What additional computational impediments, if any, exist to implementing optimal transmission switching over a small number of switches while maintaining reliability?
- What steps toward optimal transmission switching might be taken over the next 5 to 10 years?
- (3) AC optimal power flow modeling:
- What is the current state of computational capability with respect to dependably solving AC optimal power flow problems, including analysis of power system reliability
- Discussions during previous conferences have centered on concerns that current system data quality might not allow for an AC optimal power flow model to be properly formulated and solved. What are the specific data concerns, and what needs to be done to address them?
- · What steps toward use of AC optimal power flow modeling might be taken over the next 5 to 10 years?
- (4) Adaptive and dynamic transmission ratings.
- Previous presentations examined the use of post-contingency analysis when determining transmission ratings, including consideration of availability of ramping capability. How can (or have) adaptive transmission ratings been implemented?
- Previous presentations also examined how transmission ratings might be updated in real time in response to ambient conditions. How have such dynamic transmission ratings been implemented?
- What are the data or computational challenges associated with implementing adaptive or dynamic transmission ratings?

While the topics suggested above are largely forward-looking, we also encourage proposals for presentations on best practices and other analyses of current operations with respect to these and related topics.

The technical conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. All interested participants are invited to attend, and participants with ideas for relevant presentations are invited to nominate themselves to speak at the conference.

Speaker nominations must be submitted on or before April 27, 2012 through the Commission's Web site2 by providing the proposed speaker's contact information along with a title, abstract, and list of contributing authors for the proposed presentation. Proposed presentations should be closely related to the topics discussed above. Speakers and presentations will be selected to ensure relevant topics and to accommodate time constraints.

Although registration is not required for general attendance by U.S. citizens, we encourage those planning to attend the conference to register through the Commission's Web site.3 We will provide printed nametags for those who register on or before June 20, 2012.

Due to new security procedures, we strongly encourage attendees who are not citizens of the United States to register for the conference by June 1, 2012, in order to avoid any delay associated with being processed by FERC security.

Following the conferences, a comment date will be set for the filing of post-conference comments.

There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call 866 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call 202 502-8659.

A free webcast of this event will be available through the FERC Web site. Webcast viewers will not be able to participate during the technical conference. Anyone with Internet access interested in viewing the webcast of this conference can do so by navigating to Calendar of Events at www.ferc.gov The events will contain a link to the webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the conferences via phonebridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit

www.CapitolConnection.org or call (703) 993-3100.

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For further information about these conferences, please contact: Sarah McKinley (Logistical Information), Office of External Affairs, (202) 502-8004, Sarah.McKinley@ferc.gov. Brian Bak (Technical Information),

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Secretary.

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Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: http:// www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/ eisdata.html.

EIS No. 20120080, Revised Final EIS, USACE, FL, Central and Southern Florida Project, Broward County Water Preserve Areas, Updates Resulting from Policy Changes that occurred since 2007 Civil Works Board Approval, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, (CERP), Broward County, FL, Review Period Ends: 04/ 30/2012, Contact: Angela E. Dunn 904-232-2108.

EIS No. 20120081, Draft EIS, USFWS, AK, Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange/Road Corridor,

² The speaker nomination form is located at https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/real-market-6-25-12-speaker-form.asp.

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Proposed Land Exchange for the Purpose of Construction of a Road between Communities of King Cove and Cold Bay, USACE Section 10 and 404 Permits, AK, Comment Period Ends: 05/18/2012, Contact: Stephanie Brady 907–786–3357.

EIS No. 20120082, Final EIS, USFS, OR, Snow Basin Vegetation Management Project, Proposal to Implementing Commercial Harvest of Timber, Post Harvest Non-commercial Thinning, Whitman Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman Forest, Baker County, OR, Review Period Ends: 04/30/2012, Contact: Dea Nelson 541–523–6391.

EIS No. 20120083, Final Supplement, BLM, NV, Upper Las Vegas Wash Conservation Transfer Area (CTA), Propose to Establish a Final Boundary, Implementation, Clark County, NV, Review Period Ends: 04/ 30/2012, Contact: Gayle Marrs-Smith 702-515-5156.

EIS No. 20120084, Final EIS, USFS, FL, City of Tallahassee Southwestern Transmission Line Project, Proposes to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New Overhead 230-kilovolt (kV), Electric Transmission Line, Special-Use-Permit (SUP), Apalachicola National Forest (ANF), Leon County, FL, Review Period Ends: 04/30/2012, Contact: Harold Shenk 850–926–3561.

EIS No. 20120085, Final EIS, USN, WA, Trident Support Facilities Explosives Handling Wharf (EHW-2), New Information, Construction and Operating, Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Silverdale, WA, Review Period Ends: 04/30/2012, Contact: Christine Stevenson 360–396–0080.

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EIS No. 20120086, Draft EIS, DOE, GO,
Granby Pumping Plant Switchyard—
Windy Gap Substation Transmission
Line Rebuild, To Replace Existing
Transmission Line with Double
Circuit Transmission, Grand County,
CO, Comment Period Ends: 05/29/
2012, Contact: Jim Hartman 720–962–
7255.

EIS No. 20120087, Draft EIS, USFS, OR, Eden Ridge Timber Sales, Implementation, Powers Ranger District, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Coos County, OR, Comment Period Ends: 05/14/2012, Contact: Wesley Crum 541–439–6200.

EIS No. 20120088, Second Draft EIS
(Tiering), FHWA, IL, TIER 2—Elgin
O'Hare—West Bypass, Extending the
Planning Period from 2030 to 2040,
Federal Approvals and Funding, Cook
and DuPage Counties, IL, Comment
Period Ends: 05/14/2012, Contact:
Norman Stoner 217–492–4600.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration are Joint Lead agencies for this project.

ElS No. 20120089, Final ElS, USFS, CA, Greys Mountain Ecological Restoration Project, Proposed Forest Management Treatments to Reduce Fire Hazard and Restore Forest Health, Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, Madera and Mariposa Counties, CA, Review Period Ends: 04/30/2012, Contact: Burt Stalter 559–887–2218 ext. 3208.

EIS No. 20120090, Draft EIS, USAF, AK, Modernization and Enhancement of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex, AK, Comment Period Ends: 06/07/2012, Contact: Mark Peterson 808—449—1078.

The U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force are Joint Lead agencies for this project.

ElS No. 20120091, Second Draft Supplement, BLM, AK, National Petroleum Reserve -Alaska (NPR-A) Integrated Activity Plan, To Determine Appropriate Management for BLM-Administrated Lands in the NPR-A, North Slope Borough, AK, Comment Period Ends: 05/29/2012, Contact: Jim Ducker 907-271-3130, ElS No. 20120092, Final ElS, USACE,

LA, Louisiana Coastal Area Barataria
Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration,
To Restore the Barrier Shoreline
Ecosystem and Significantly Reduce
the Loss of Estuarine and Freshwater
Wetlands, Caminada Headland in
Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes and
Shell Islands in Plaquemines Parish,
LA, Review Period Ends: 04/30/2012,
Contact: Dr. William P. Klein, Jr. 504–
862–2540.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20110440, Revised Draft EIS, USFS, ID, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Land Management Plan, Revises the 1987 Forest Plan, Implementation, Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone Counties, ID and Pend Oreille County, WA, Comment Period Ends: 05/07/2012, Contact: Mary Farnsworth 208–765–7223. Revision to FR Notice Published 01/13/2012; Extending Comment Period from 04/4/2012 to 05/07/2012.

ElS No. 20110441, Revised Draft ElS, USFS, MT, Kootenai National Forest Land Management Plan, Revises the 1987 Forest Plan, Implementation, Lincoln, Sanders, Flathead Counties, MT and Bonner and Boundary Counties, ID, Comment Period Ends: 04/04/2012, Contact: Paul Bradford 406–293–6211. Revision to FR Notice Published 01/ 06/2012; Extending Comment Period from 04/04/2012 to 05/07/2012. EIS No. 20120028, Draft EIS, USACE,

CA, Clearwater Program, To Meet the Wastewater Management Needs of the Joint Outfall System (JOS) Through the Year 2050, Near San Pedro, Section 404 Permit, Los Angeles County, CA, Comment Period Ends 04/10/2012, Contact: Dr. Aaron O. Allen 805–585–2148.

Revision to FR Notice Published 2/10/2012; Comment Period Ends 04/ 10/2012.

Dated: March 27, 2012.

Cliff Rader,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

IFRL-9650-81

Draft NPDES General Permit for Discharges From the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category to Coastal Waters in Texas (TXG330000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). ACTION: Proposal of NPDES General Permit Renewal.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 today proposes a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit regulating discharges from oil and gas wells in the Coastal Subcategory in Texas and in the Stripper Subcategory which discharge into coastal waters in Texas.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 14, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Ms. Diane Smith (6WQ-NP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.

Comments may also be submitted via EMAIL to the following address: smith.diane@epa.gov.

Public Meeting/Public Hearing Information

A public meeting and a public hearing on the proposed permit will be held at the times and place below. The meeting will include a presentation on the proposed permit followed by the opportunity for questions and answers. The public hearing will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. At the public hearing, any person may submit oral or written

M.2 DRAFT EIS DISTRIBUTION COVER LETTERS AND DISTRIBUTION LISTS

M.2.1 Draft EIS Cover Letter – Congressional Delivery and Governor Letters



HEADQUARTERS
ALASKAN COMMAND (ALCOM)
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99506

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Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski United States Senate 709 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0201

Dear Senator Murkowski

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Respectfully

STEPHEN L. HOOG Lieutenant General, USAF Commander

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The Honorable Mark Begich United States Senate 144 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0201

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Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

The Honorable Don Young United States House of Representatives 2111 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0201

Dear Congressman Young

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Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

The Honorable Sean Parnell Governor of Alaska Alaska State Capitol Building P.O. Box 11001 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell

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Public and agency comments received by the Air Force throughout the environmental process were considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. To ensure sufficient time to consider public input in preparation of the Final EIS, we are requesting that comments be

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March 30, 2012

Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

The Honorable Mead Treadwell Lieutenant Governor of Alaska Alaska State Capitol Building P.O. Box 11001 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Lieutenant Governor Treadwell

Alaskan Command is pleased to provide you with a copy of the *Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS (DEIS)*. This document is provided in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The DEIS describes and analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the Air Force and Army proposals to modernize and enhance the JPARC in Alaska to best support the military exercises in and near Alaska. JPARC modernizations and enhancements would enable the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps in Alaska to train both realistically and jointly, enabling military personnel the best chance of success in their mutually supportive roles in actual combat.

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Public and agency comments received by the Air Force throughout the environmental process were considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. To ensure sufficient time to consider public input in preparation of the Final EIS, we are requesting that comments be

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M.2.2 Memorandum for Federally Recognized Tribes and Distribution List



HEADQUARTERS
ALASKAN COMMAND (ALCOM)
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99506

March 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

FROM: Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog

Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Modernization and Enhancement

of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) in Alaska (JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS)

1. We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the *JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS*. The document is also available from the following website: www.jparceis.com. This document is provided in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Department of Defense American Indian/Alaska Native Policy.

- 2. The purpose of this correspondence is follow up to formal government-to-government consultation held in February 2011, as well as support for consultation recently offered under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended). The Draft EIS was developed in consideration of the results of the aforementioned consultation as well as the public and agency comments received during the public scoping process. Many of the concerns (see appendix A.4.2) expressed during formal consultation are addressed in this document. For instance, proposed airspace usage was moved, as requested, further north of the Glenn Highway than originally proposed. A comparative summary of the environmental consequences of the proposals is presented at the end of Chapter 1 of the Draft EIS.
- 3. As a Federally recognized tribe please contact our Native Affairs/Natural Resources Advisor, Dr. Jerome Montague, at ierome.montague@elmendorf.af.mil or (907) 552-2769 to discuss how your concerns, raised during formal consultation, of potential impacts on tribal rights, tribal resources, or Indian land due to JPARC proposals are addressed in the Draft EIS. Please contact Erin Marynak at erin.marynak.ctr@elmendorf.af.mil or (907) 552-3791 to initiate section 106 consultation over concerns you may have about the potential effects of the proposal on significant cultural and/or historic resources. The mailing address for both these individuals is Alaskan Command (ALCOM), 9480 Pease Avenue, JBER, AK 99506-2101.
- 4. You and other tribal members are encouraged to participate in the public comment process. ALCOM will hold several public hearings on the Draft EIS throughout the region from May 11 through 23, 2012. Specific hearing dates, times, and locations will be announced through local and regional media, and are included in the enclosed flyer. Please post this flyer in a public location to assist us in providing notice about the availability of the Draft EIS for public review.

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5. All written comments through the public process should be addressed to:

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- 6. Comments will be accepted through June 7, 2012. Comments may be submitted at the public hearings, via the internet at http://www.jparceis.com, via fax at (907) 552-5411, or by e-mail to alcom.j08@elmendorf.af.mil.
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March 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR ANCSA CORPORATIONS

FROM: Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog

Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Modernization and Enhancement

of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) in Alaska (JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS)

- 1. We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the *JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS*. The document is also available from the following website: www.iparceis.com. This document is provided in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended).
- 2. The purpose of this correspondence is to offer consultation if your corporation determines that the proposed action may affect corporate lands as well as supporting documentation for Section 106 consultation recently offered. The Draft EIS was developed in consideration of public, tribal and agency comments received during the public scoping process. As an Alaska Native Corporation please contact our Native Affairs/Natural Resources Advisor, Dr. Jerome Montague, at jerome.montague@elmendorf.af.mil or (907) 552-2769, to discuss your concerns of potential impacts on corporate land due to JPARC proposals described in the Draft EIS. Please contact Ms. Erin Marynak at jerome.montague@elmendorf.af.mil or (907) 552-3791, to initiate Section 106 consultation over concerns you may have about the potential effects of the proposal on significant cultural and/or historic resources. The mailing address for both of these individuals is Alaskan Command (ALCOM), 9480 Pease Avenue, JBER, AK 99506-2101.
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STEPHEN L. HOOG Lieutenant General, USAF Commander

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M.2.3 Memorandum for Libraries and Repositories, Organizations, Public Groups, and Government Agencies



HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN COMMAND (ALCOM) JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99506

March 30, 2012

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FROM: Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog

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- 2. We request libraries file this document for public access and reference. The document is also available for download from the following website: www.jparceis.com.
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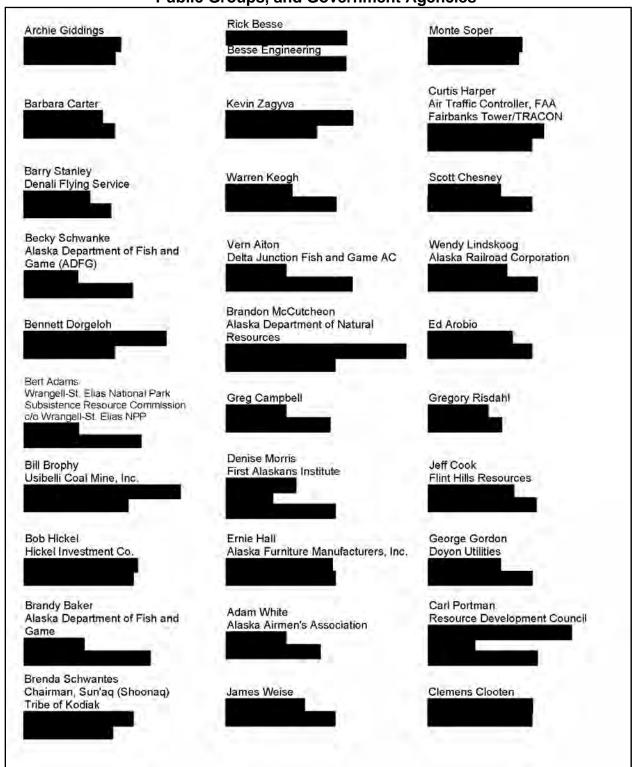
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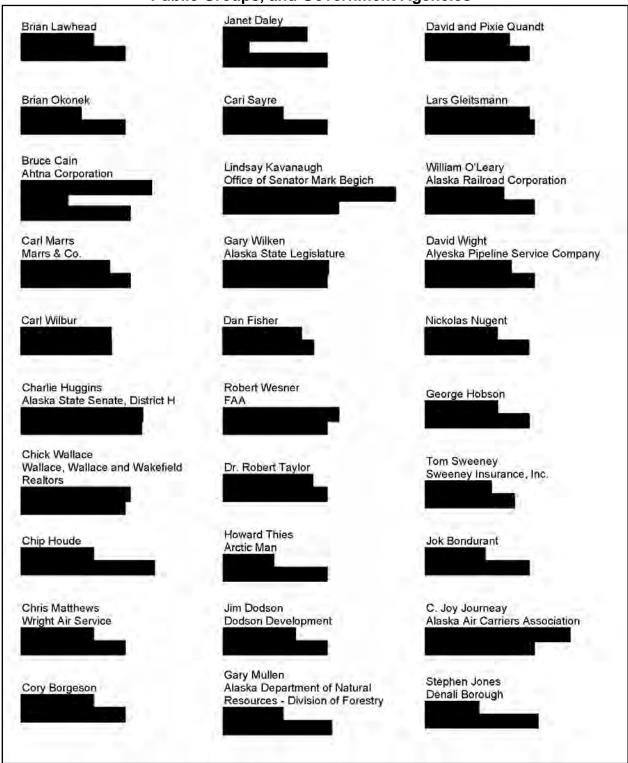
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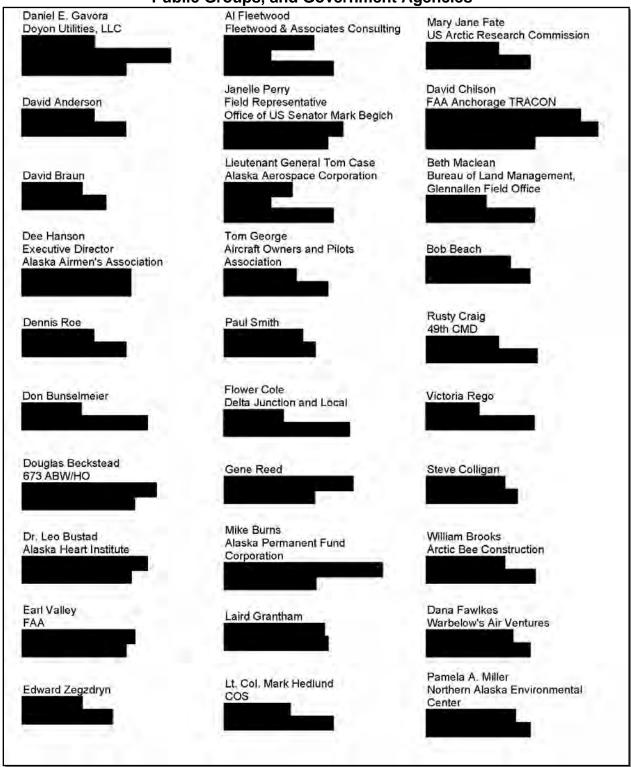
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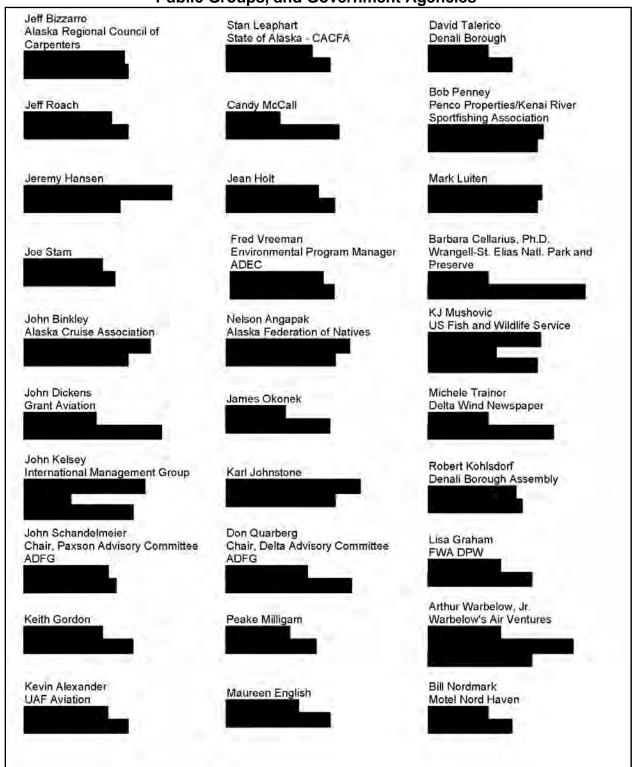


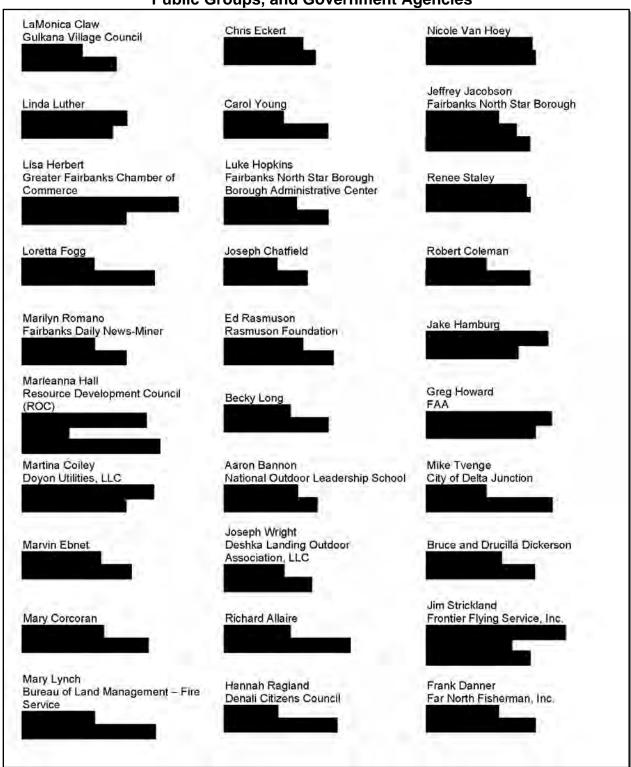






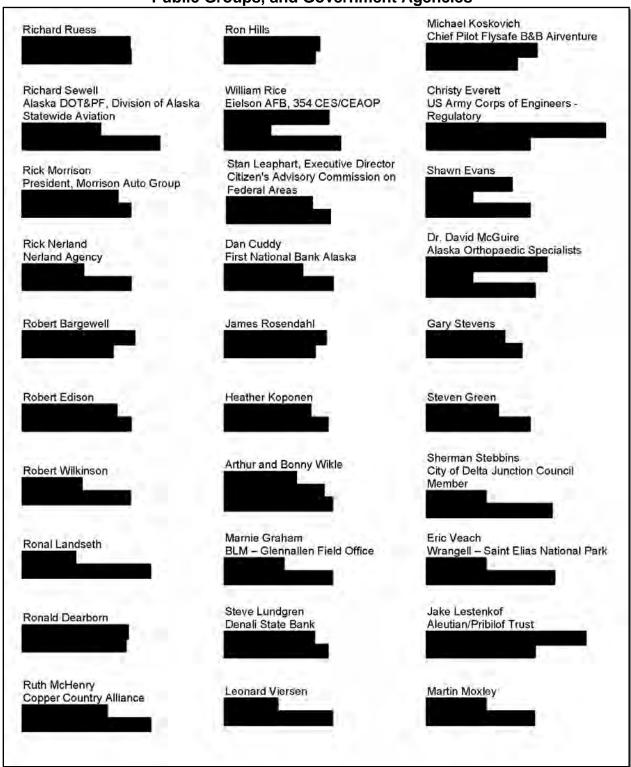


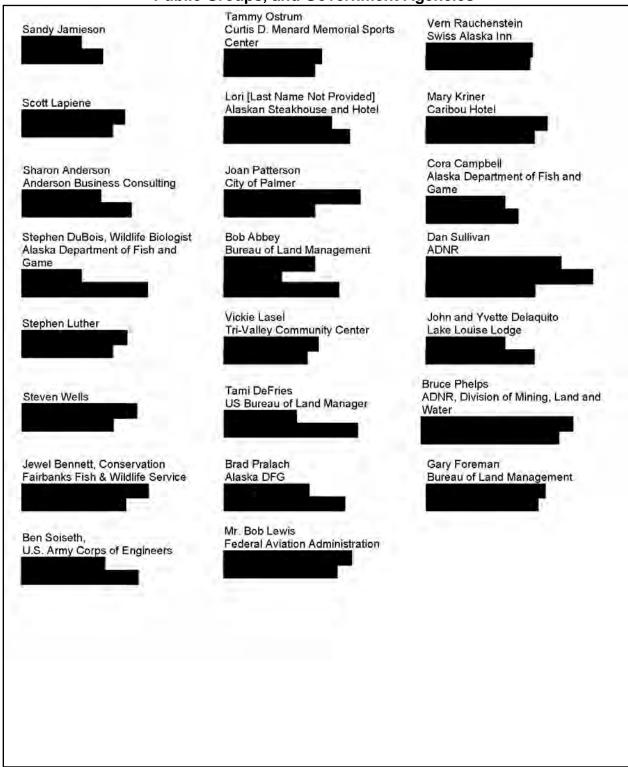












M.2.4 Memorandum for State Historic Preservation Offices and Distribution List



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ALASKAN COMMAND (ALCOM)
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99506

March 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

FROM: Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog

Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Modernization and Enhancement

of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) in Alaska (JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS)

1. We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS. This document is provided in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] 4321 et seq.); the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500–1508); Executive Orders 11514 and 11991; the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.); the Environmental Analysis of Army Actions (32 CFR 651); and the Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process (32 CFR 989).

- 2. The Draft EIS supplements the documentation previously submitted in our Section 106 consultation correspondence of January 11, 2012 (File No. 3130-IR AIRFORCE) and February 7, 2012, in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA and 36 CFR Part 800, Protection of Historic Properties. We would appreciate your identifying any additional concerns you may have about the potential effects of the proposal on significant historic resources within the state of Alaska.
- 3. As a result of public and agency comments received during the public scoping process, the Draft EIS was developed with those comments in mind. A summary of the proposed actions and alternatives is detailed in Chapter 2, and a comparative summary of environmental consequences is provided at the end of Chapter 1of the Draft EIS. Notification of the availability of the Draft will appear in the *Federal Register* on March 30, 2012.
- 4. Alaskan Command (ALCOM) will hold several public hearings on the Draft EIS throughout the state of Alaska from May 11 through 23, 2012. Specific hearing dates, times, and locations will be announced through local and regional media, and are included in the enclosed flyer. Please post this flyer in a public location to assist us in providing notice about the availability of the Draft EIS for public review.
- 5. Our plan to involve the public follows established Air Force and Army procedures for completing the NEPA process and will fulfill our responsibilities under 36 CPR 800.3(e).

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6. Comments may be submitted at the public hearings or in writing to http://www.jparceis.com, by e-mail to alcom.j08@elmendorf.af.mil, by fax at (907) 552-5411, or sent to the address below. Comments must be postmarked or received by June 7, 2012.

ALCOM Public Affairs 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120 JBER, AK 99506-2101

7. For additional information, please contact ALCOM Public Affairs at (907) 552-2341.

STEPHEN L. HOO Lieutenant General, USAF Commander

- 2 Enclosures:
- 1. JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS
- 2. Public Hearing Flyer

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JPARC Draft EIS Distribution List – State Historic Preservation Officer

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M.2.5 Memorandum Regarding Endangered Species Act Section 107 and Distribution List



HEADQUARTERS
ALASKAN COMMAND (ALCOM)
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99506

March 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM REGARDING ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SECTION 107

FROM: Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog

Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Modernization and Enhancement

of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) in Alaska (JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS)

- 1. We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS. This document is provided in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] 4321 et seq.); the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500–1508); Executive Orders 11514 and 11991; the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.); the Environmental Analysis of Army Actions (32 CFR 651); and the Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process (32 CFR 989).
- 2. As a result of public and agency comments received during the public scoping process, the Draft EIS was developed with those comments in mind. A summary of the proposed actions and alternatives is detailed in Chapter 2, and a comparative summary of environmental consequences is provided at the end of Chapter 1 of the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS addresses six definitive projects and six programmatic projects. The definitive projects are located in interior Alaska areas where endangered or threatened species are not known to occur. Of the six programmatic projects, which would require additional design and subsequent NEPA analysis before they could be implemented, one (Missile Live Fire for AIM-9 and AIM-120 in the Gulf of Alaska) is proposed for an area that supports a listed endangered and threatened species, including marine mammals. Programmatic analysis for this project can be found in Section 3.11 of the attached Draft EIS. The remaining five programmatic projects take place in the same areas as the definitive projects where endangered or threatened species are not known to occur.
- 3. ALCOM will hold several public hearings on the Draft EIS throughout the state of Alaska from May 11 through 23, 2012. Specific hearing dates, times, and locations will be announced through local and regional media, and are included in the enclosed flyer. Please post this flyer in a public location to assist us in providing notice about the availability of the Draft EIS for public review.

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4. Comments may be submitted at the public hearings or in writing to http://www.jparceis.com, by e-mailed to alcom.j08@elmendorf.af.mil, by fax at (907) 552-5411, or at the address below. Comments must be postmarked or received by June 7, 2012.

ALCOM Public Affairs 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120 JBER, AK 99506-2101

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STEPHEN L. HOOG Lieutenant General, USAF Commander

- 2 Enclosures:
- 1. JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS
- 2. Public Hearing Flyer

JPARC Draft EIS Distribution List – Endangered Species Act Section 107 Memorandum

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David Bedford Alaska Dept of Fish and Game PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811

Geoffrey Haskett US Fish and Wildlife Service 1011 E Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99503-6103

Doug Larsen Alaska Department of Fish and Game PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811

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M.2.6 Memorandum for Interested Individuals Announcing Draft EIS Availability and **Public Hearing Dates and Distribution List**



HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN COMMAND (ALCOM) JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99506

March 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS

FROM: Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog

> Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Modernization and Enhancement SUBJECT:

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ALCOM Public Affairs 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120 JBER, AK 99506-2101

3. The Draft EIS is available for download from the internet at: www.iparceis.com, as well as in hard copy format at the following libraries and locations:

Anchorage Z. J. Loussac Public Library

Library type: Public 3600 Denali Street Anchorage, AK 99503 (907) 343-2975

University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA)

Library type: Academic 3211 Providence Drive Anchorage, AK 99508 (907) 786-1974

Fairbanks North Star Borough (Noel Wien) Public

Alaska Resources Library and Information Services

Library Library type: Public 1215 Cowles Street Fairbanks, AK 99701 (907) 459-1020

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Location Type: State Government Office Mile 186.5 Glenn Highway Glennallen, AK 99588 (907) 822-3461

Paxson Lodge

Location Type: Private Business Mile 185.5 Richardson Highway Paxson, AK 99586 (907) 822-3330

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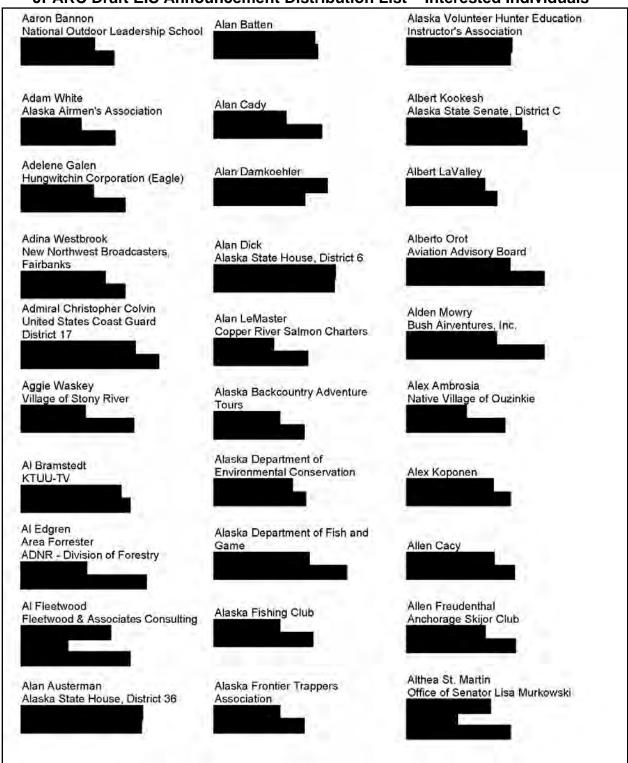
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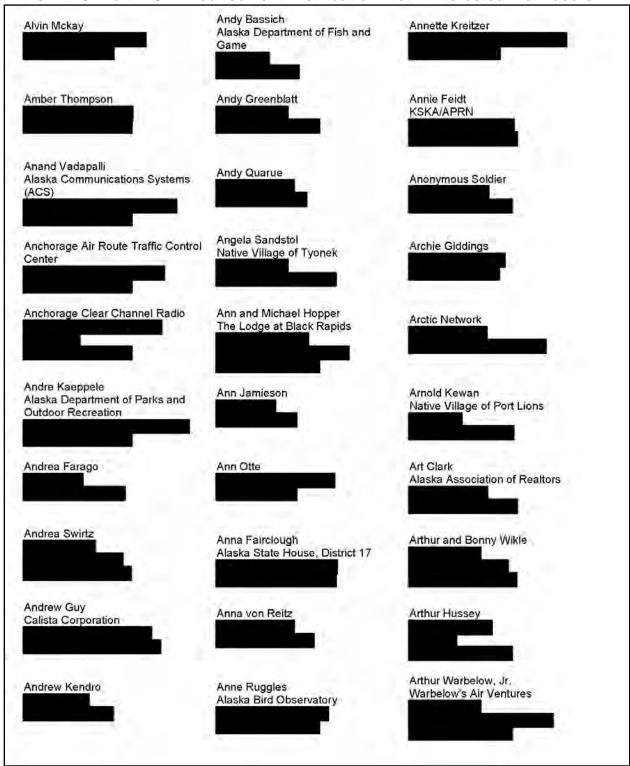
4. For additional information, please contact ALCOM Public Affairs at (907) 552-2341. Thank you for your assistance in developing the EIS and making informed decisions regarding the JPARC proposals.

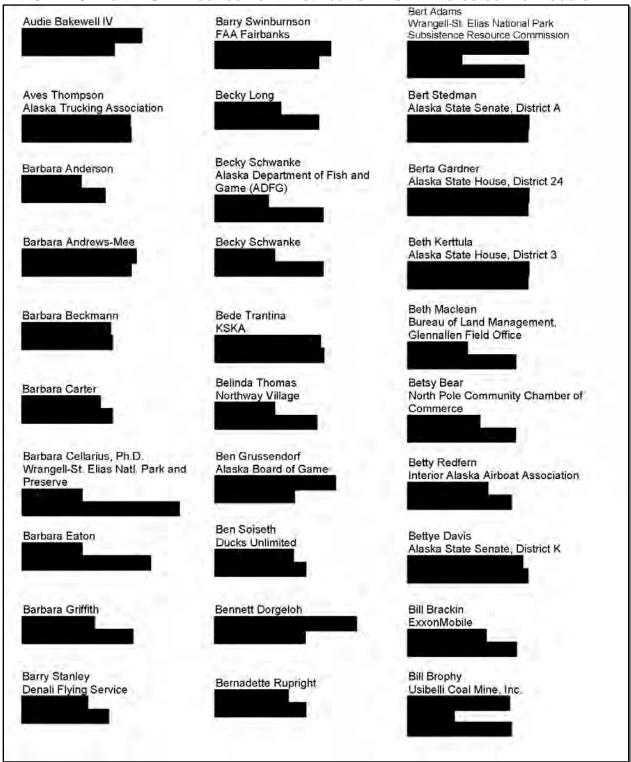
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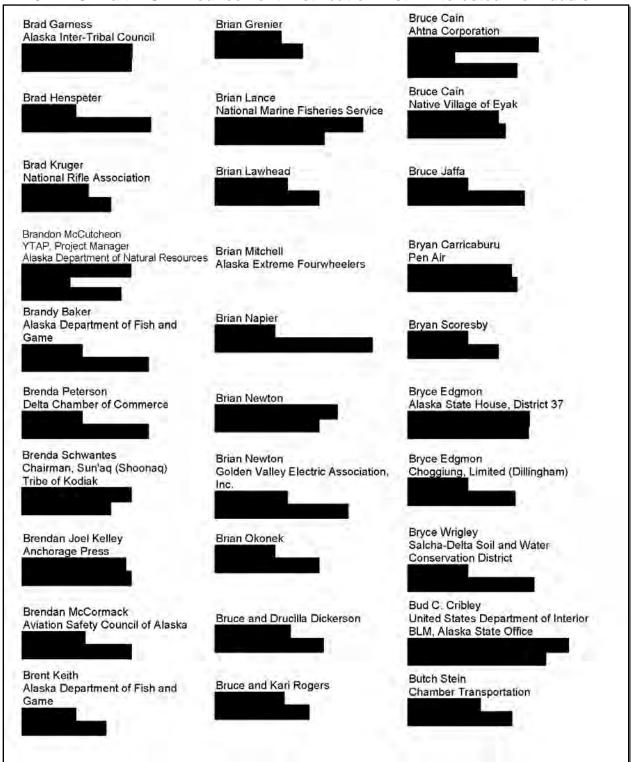
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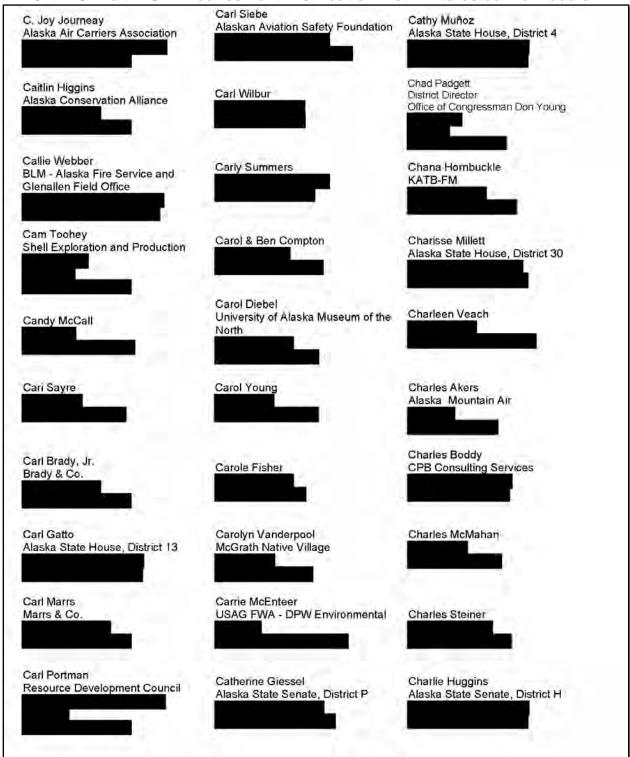


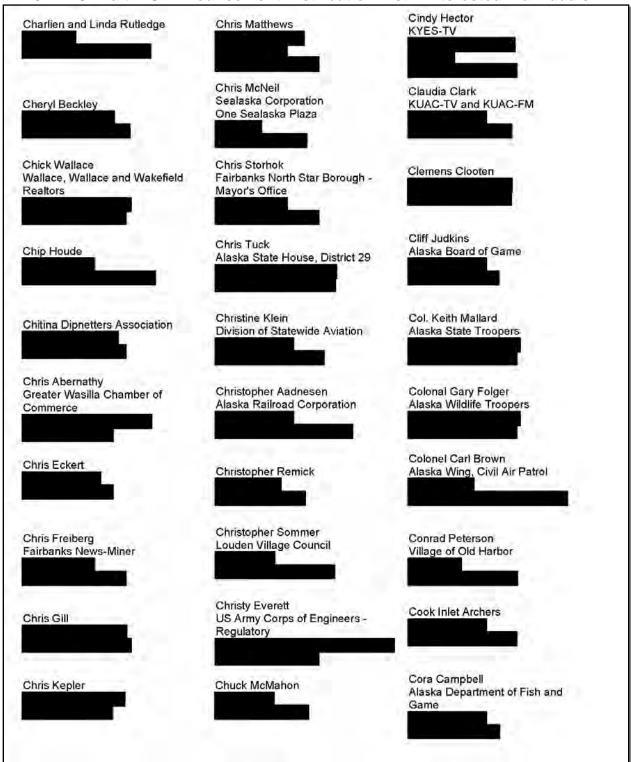


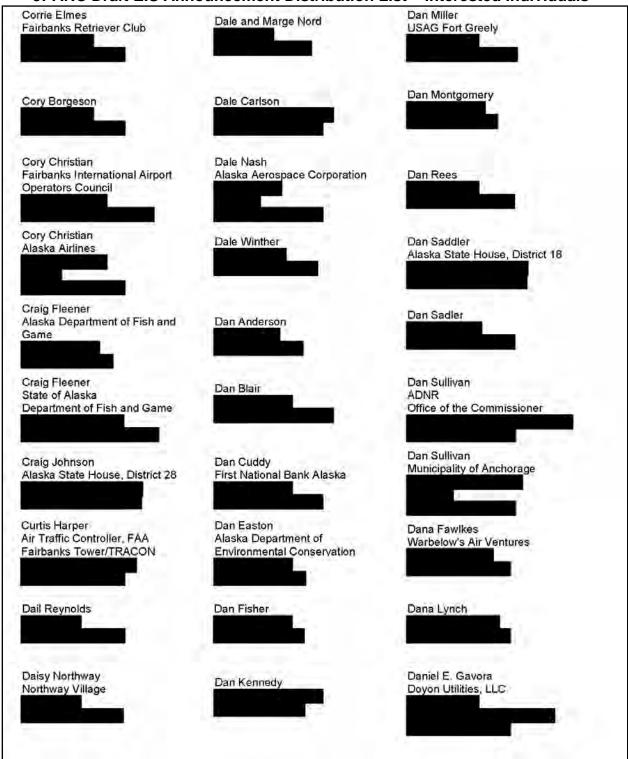


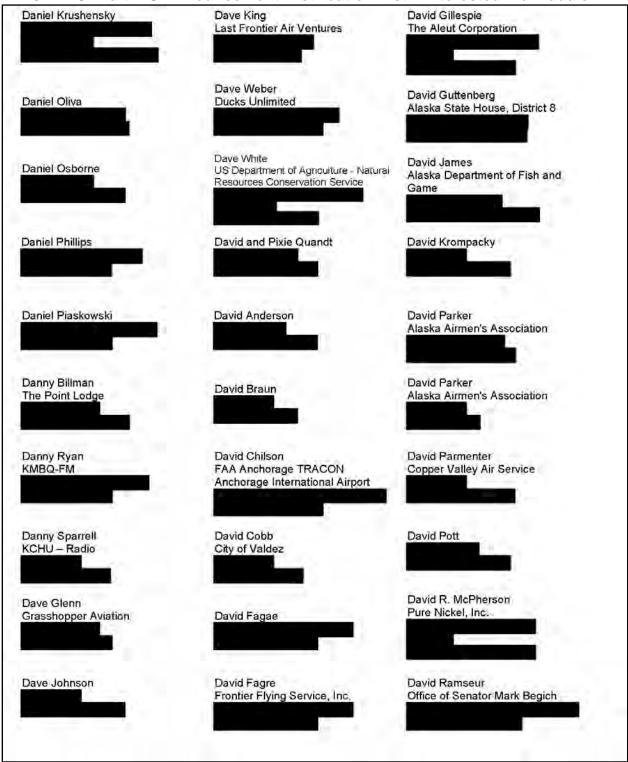


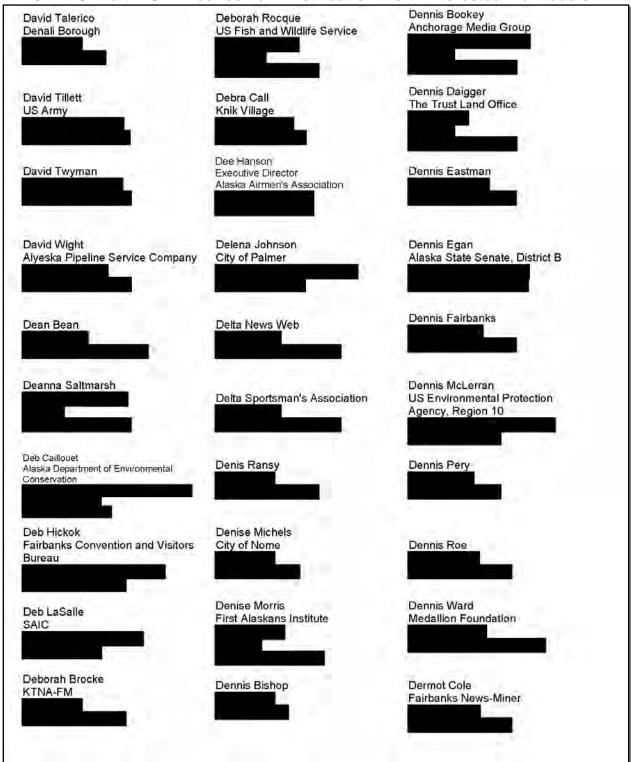


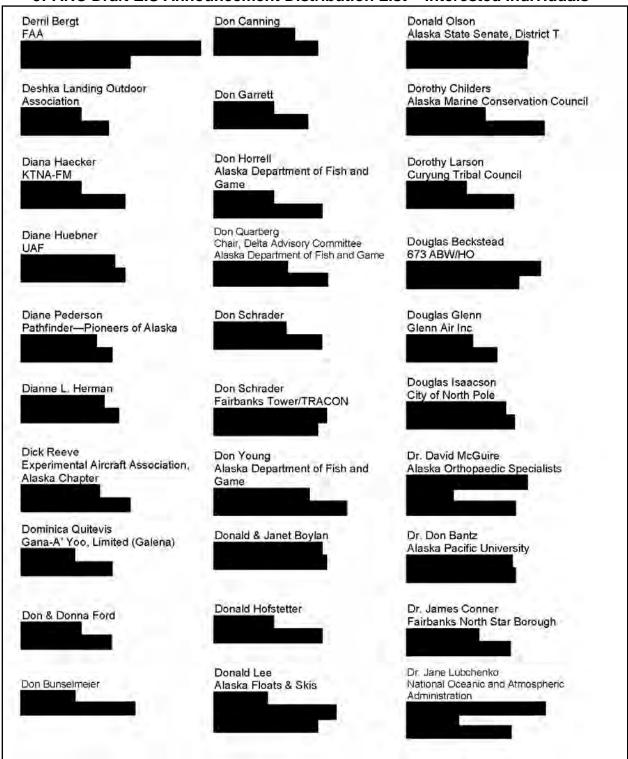


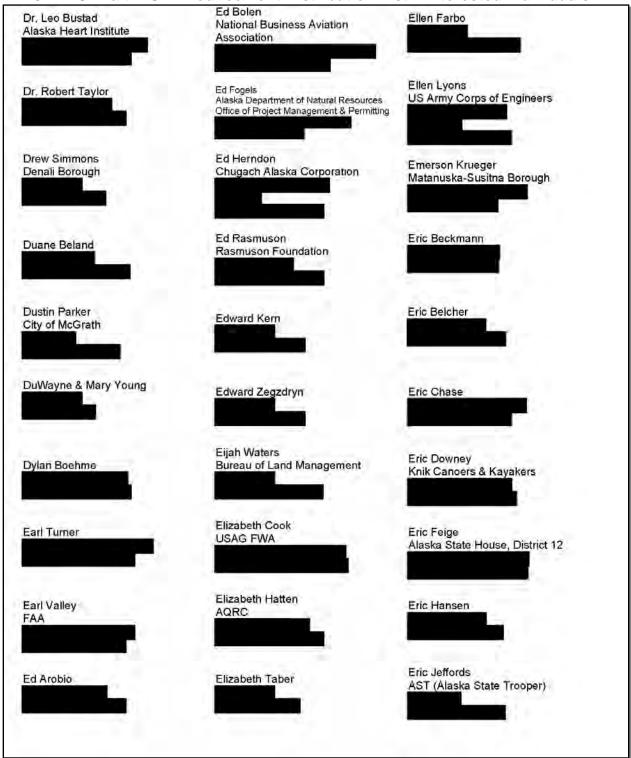




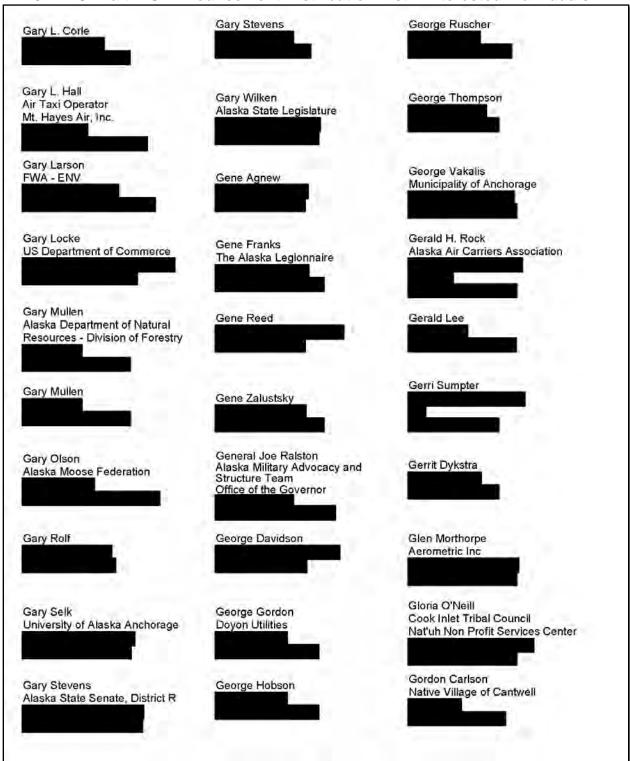


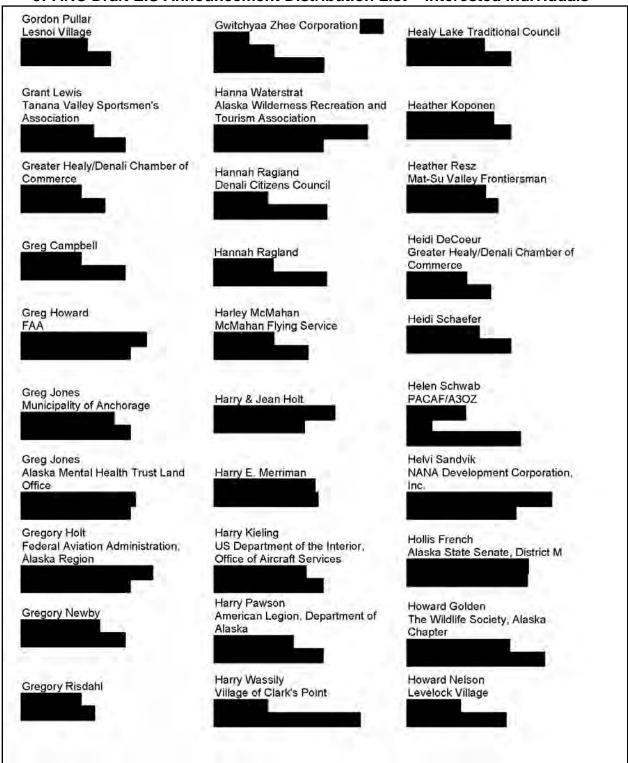


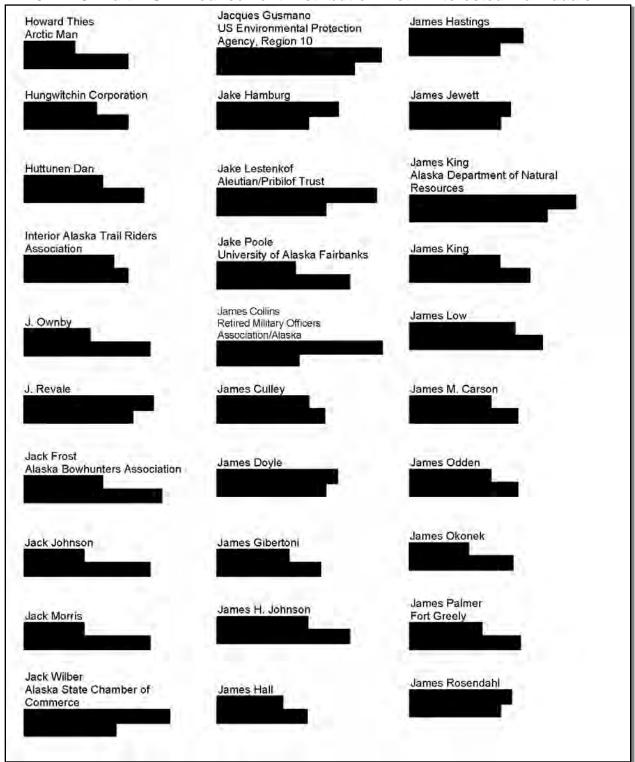


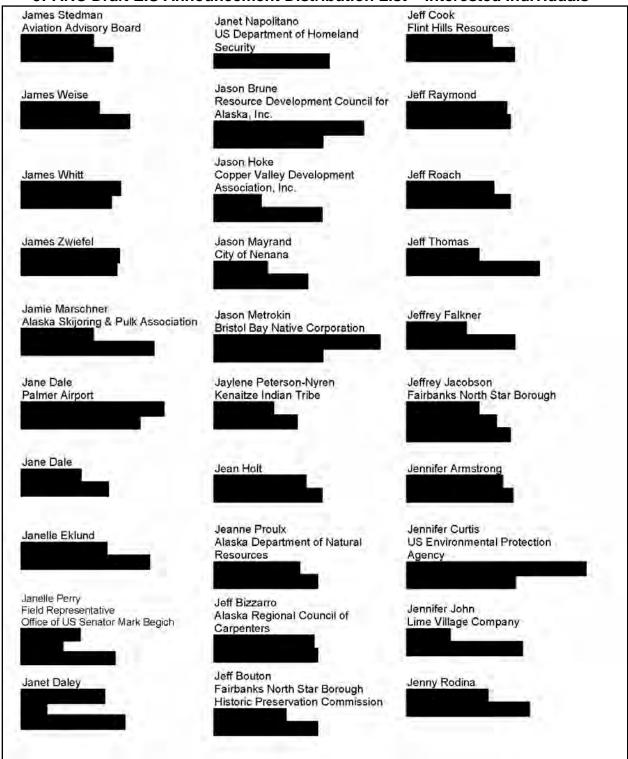


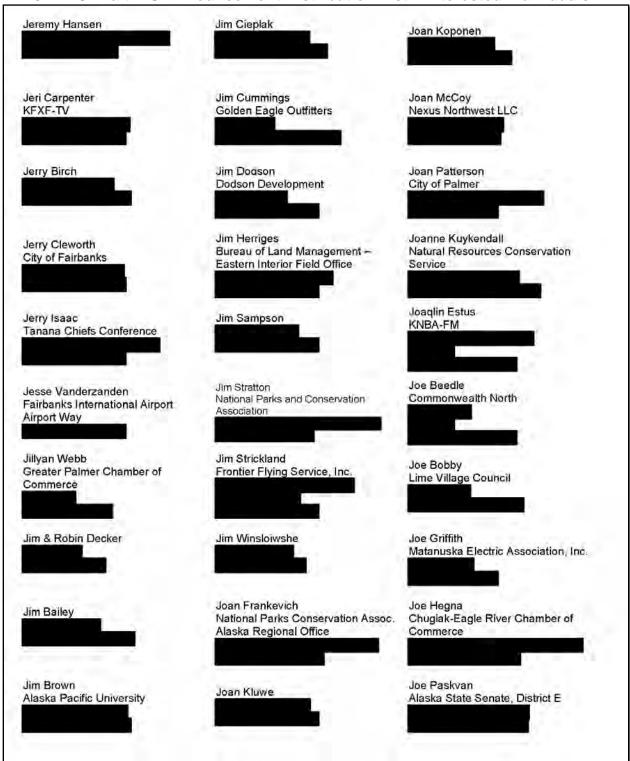
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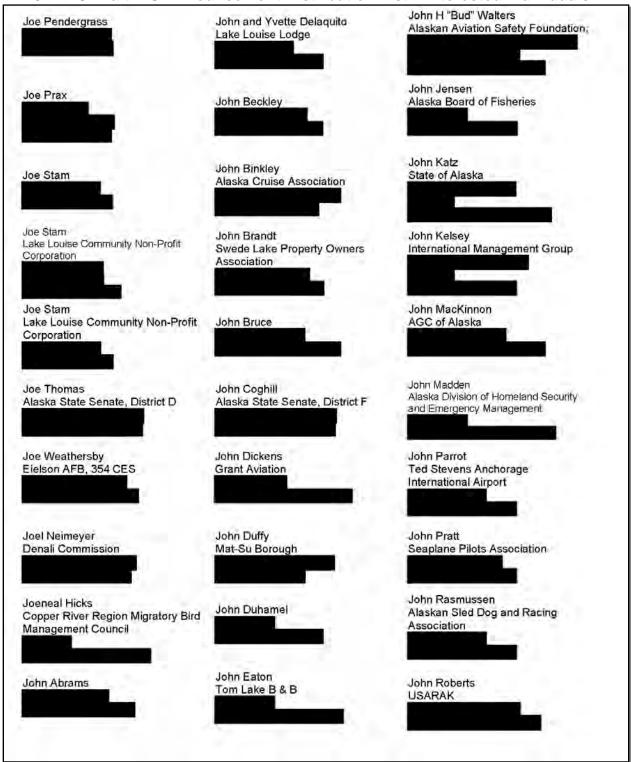


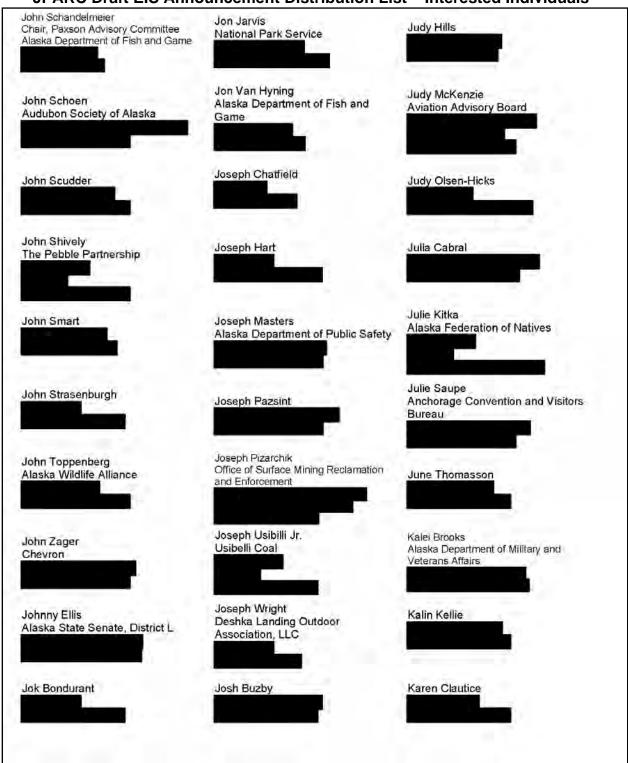


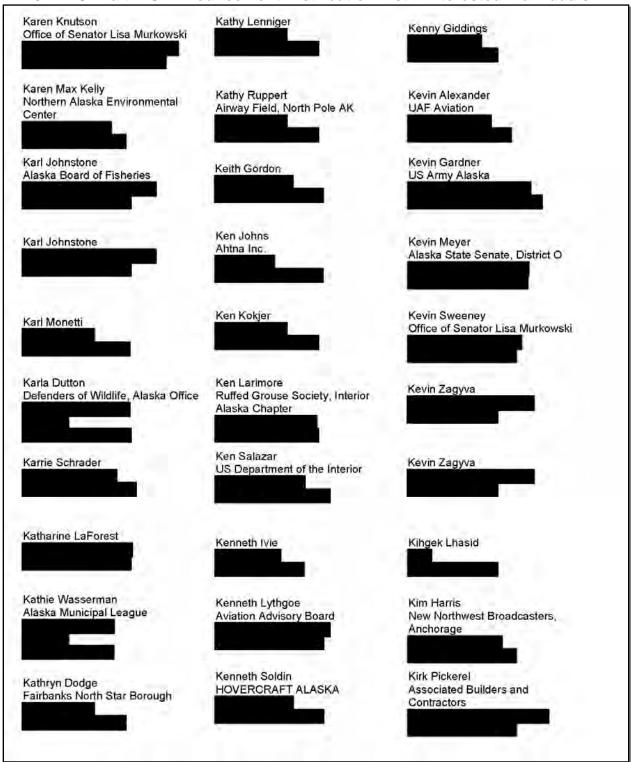


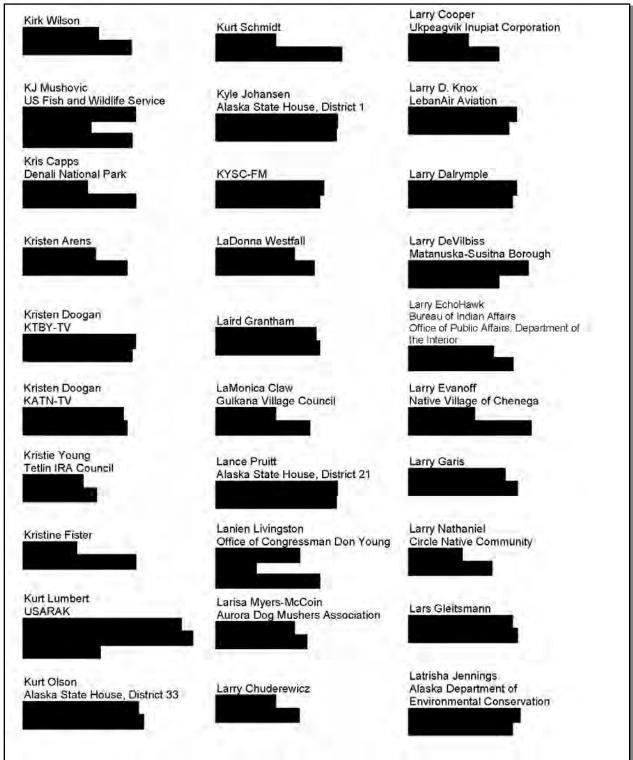


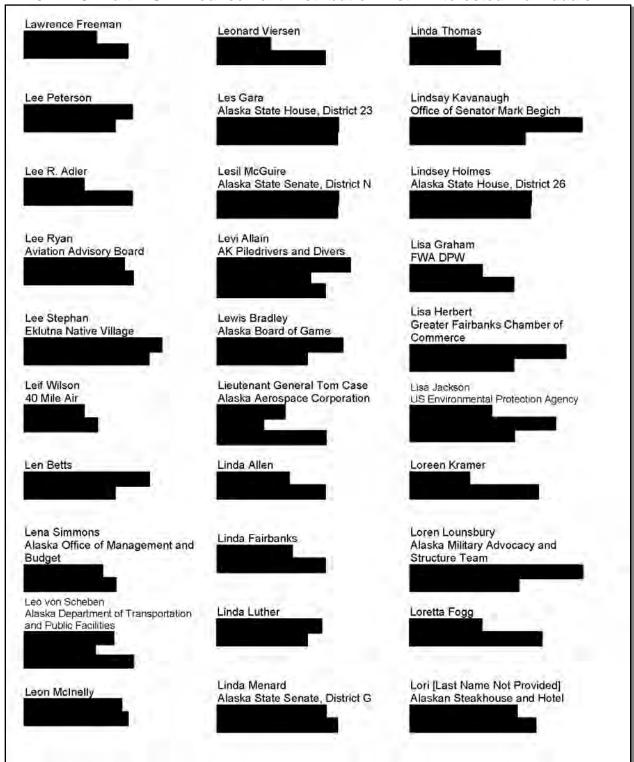


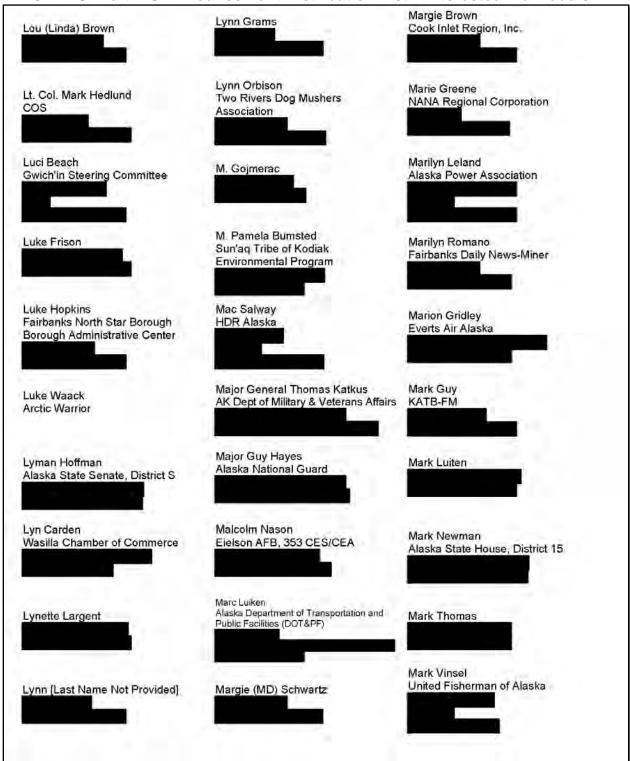


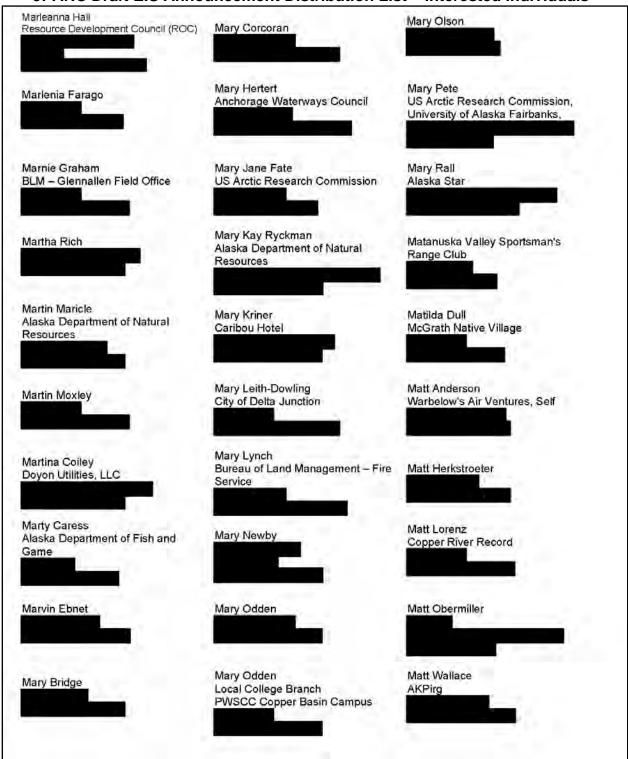


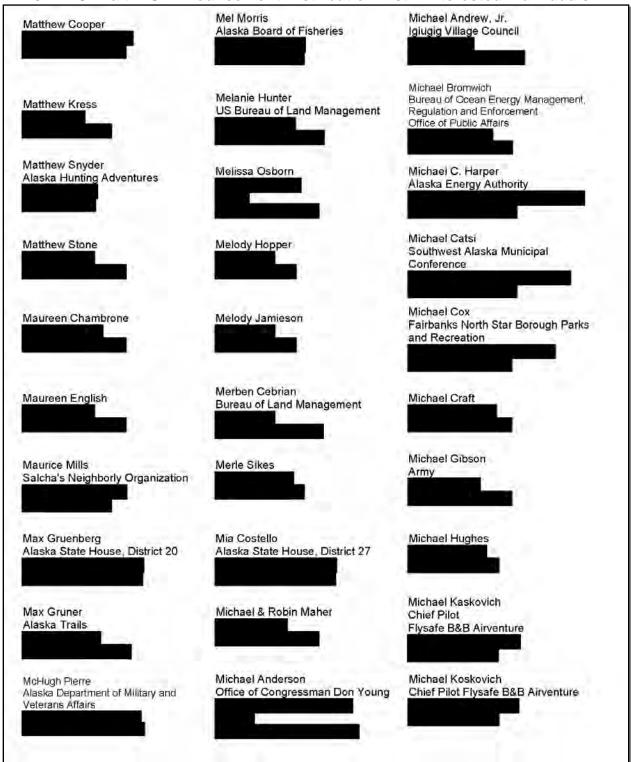




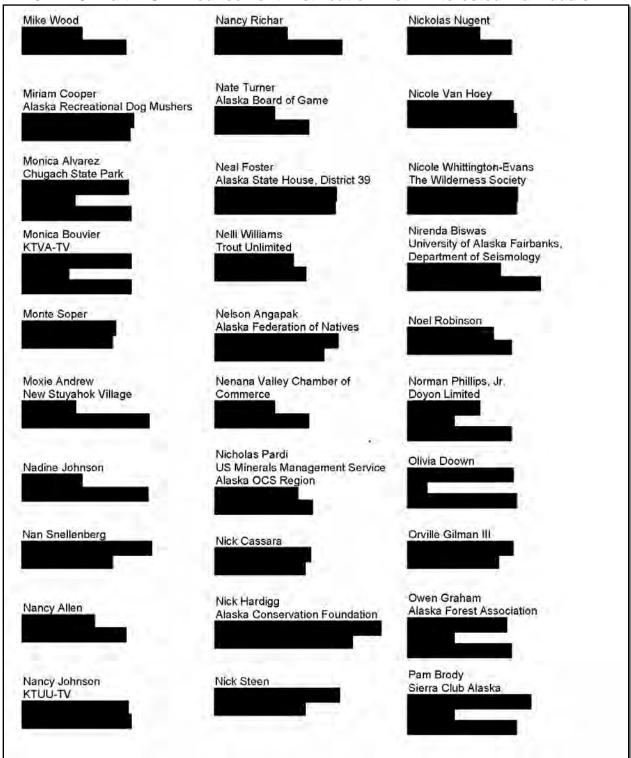


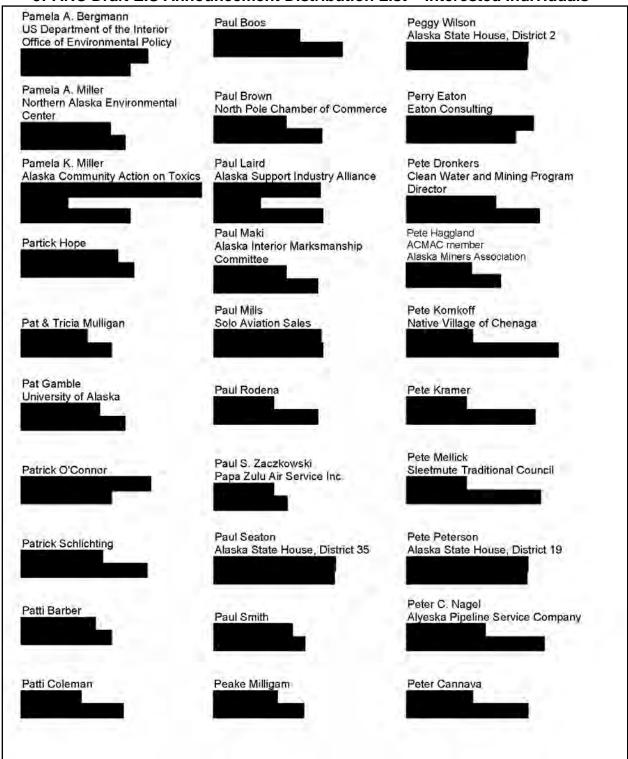


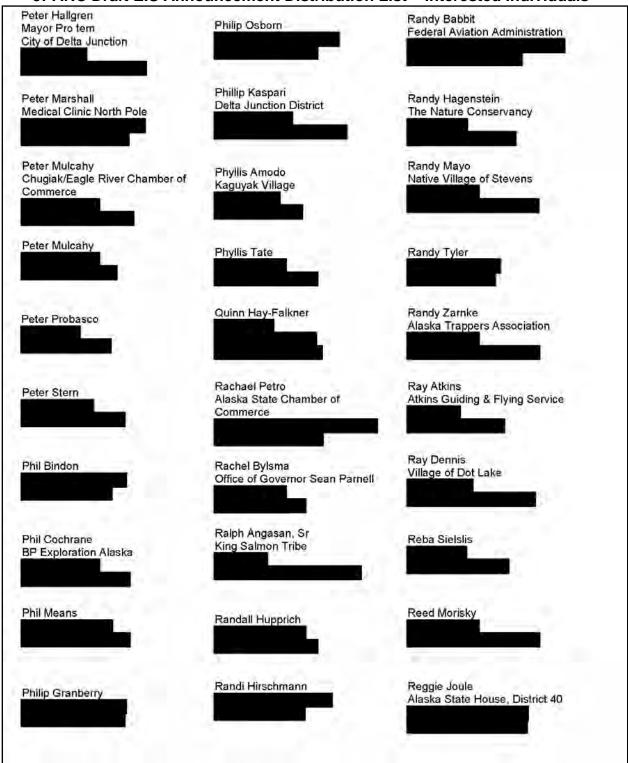


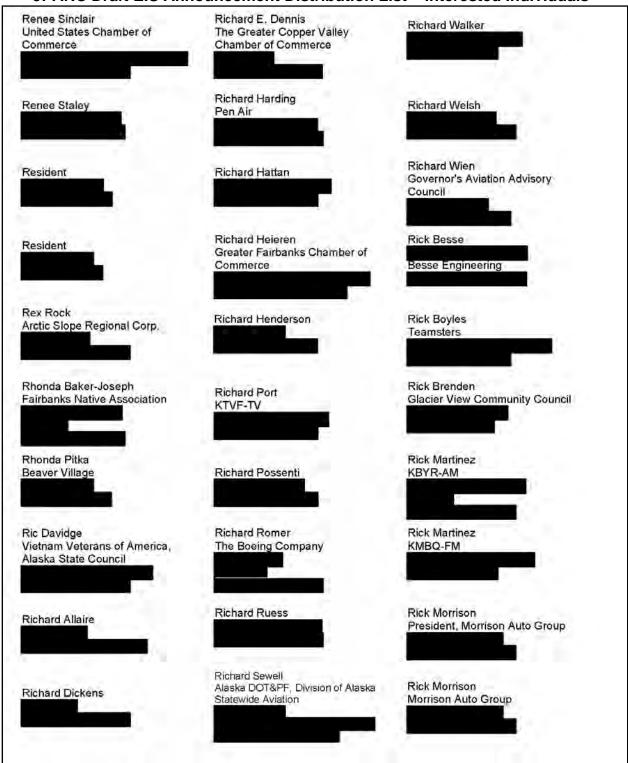


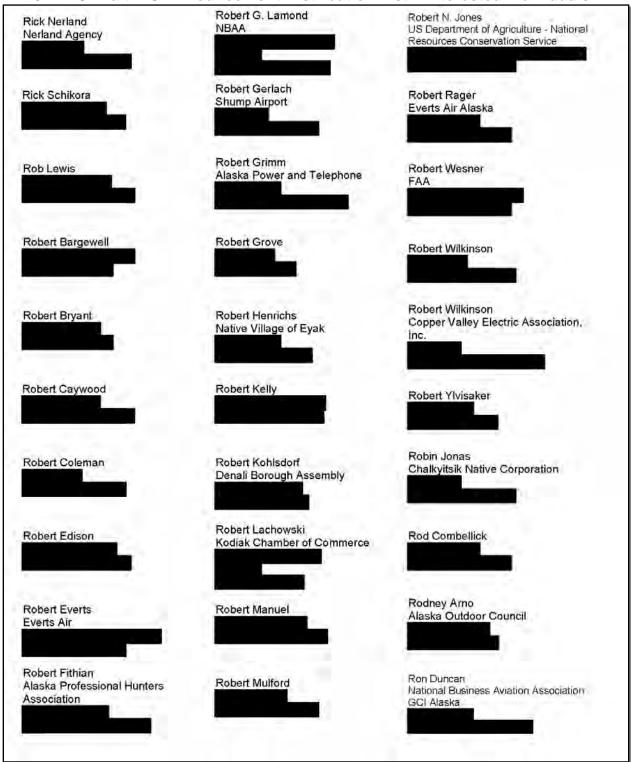
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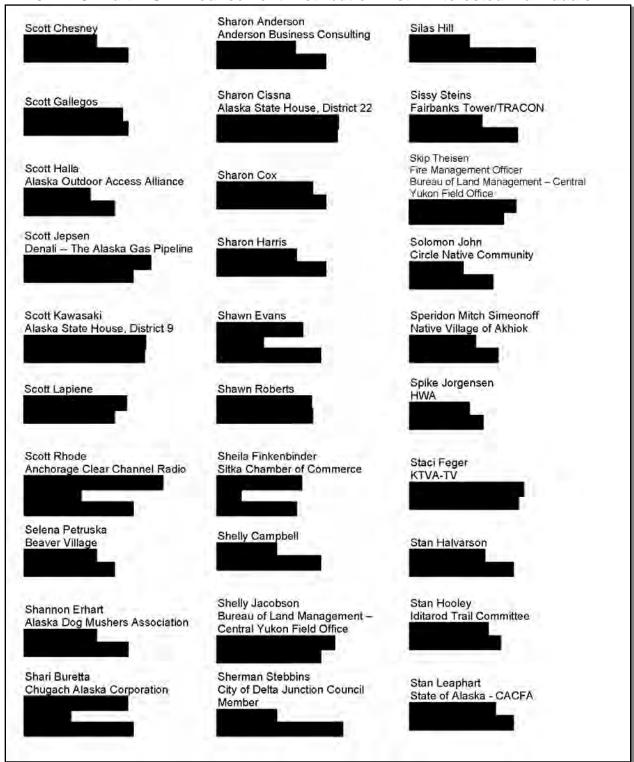




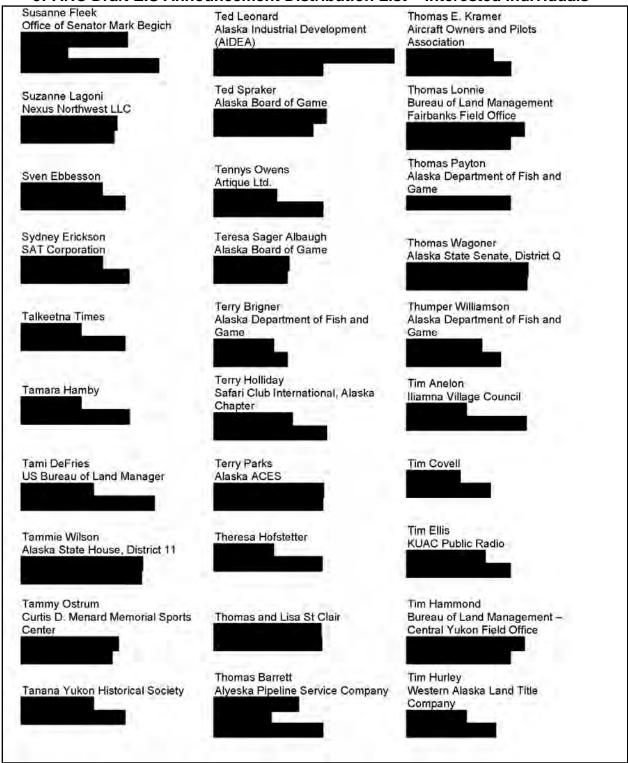


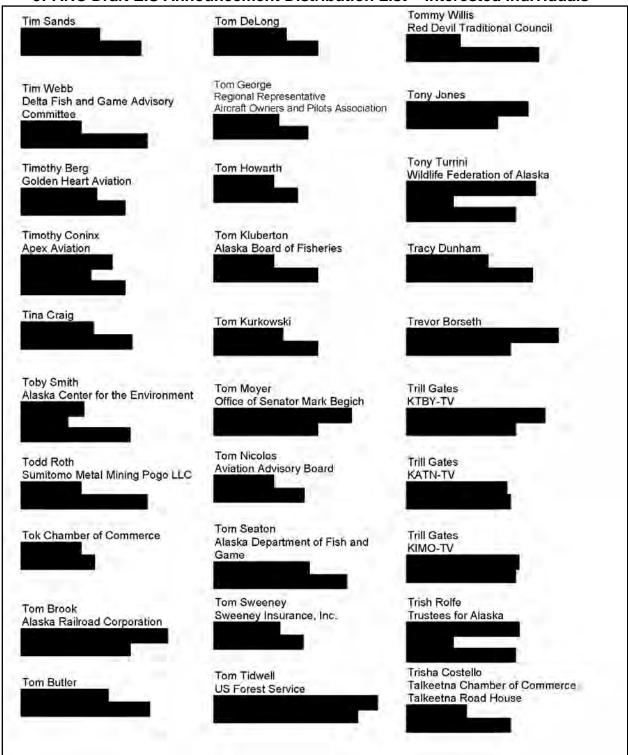


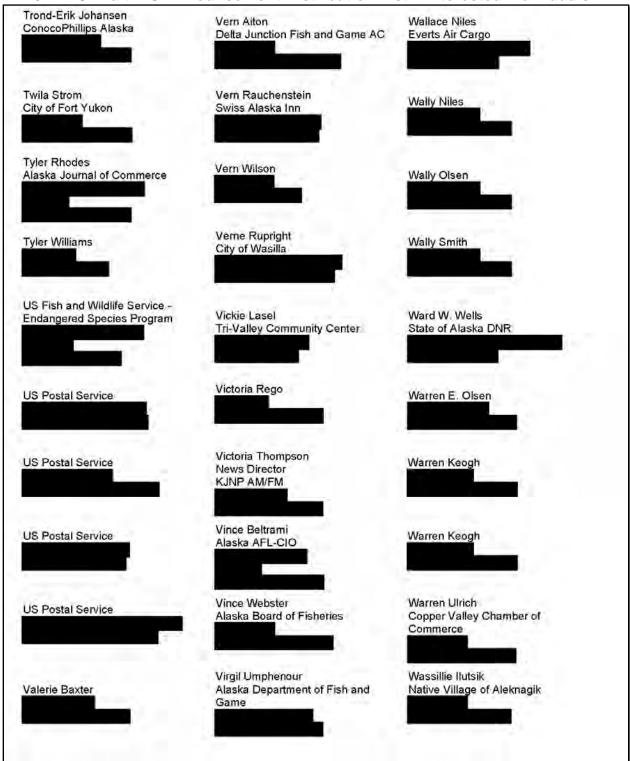
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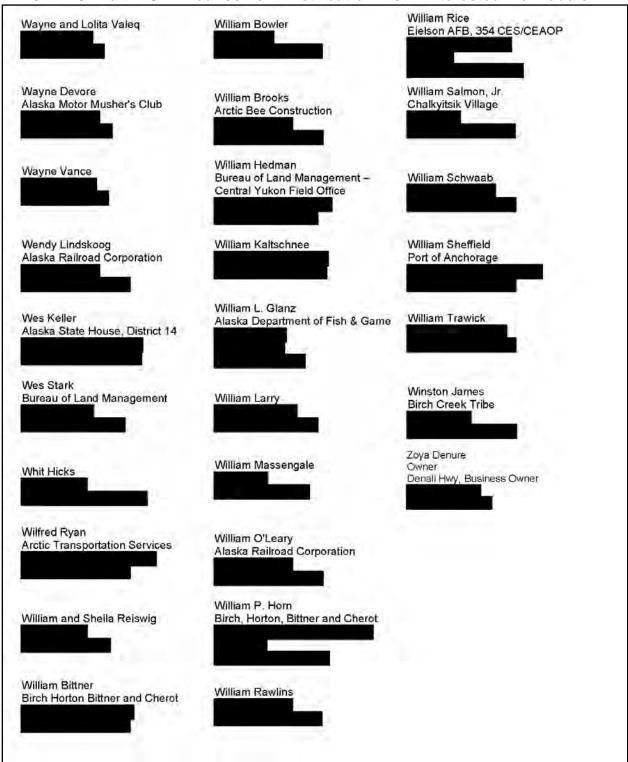












M.2.7 E-mail Announcement for Interested Individuals Announcing Draft EIS Availability and Public Hearing Dates

The e-mail distribution list is withheld to protect privacy.

From: ALCOM J08 Admin Box [v3ALCOM.J08@us.af.mii]

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 1:18 PM
To: ALCOM J08 Admin Box
Subject: JPARC Draft EIS is Available

Attachments: Public Hearings Notification Flyer 2012.pdf; JPARC EIS Newsletter Spring 2012.pdf

The Draft Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) Modernization and Enhancement Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available to the public. A copy can be downloaded from the internet at http://www.iparceis.com.

Hard copies are also available for review at the libraries and locations listed below

Anchorage Z. J. Loussac Public Library

Library type: Public

3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503

907-343-2975

University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA)

Alaska Resources Library and Information Services

Library type: Academic

3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508

907-786-1974

Fairbanks North Star Borough (Noel Wien) Public Library

Library type: Public

1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701

907-459-1020

Elmer E. Rasmuson Library

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Library Type: Academic

310 Tanana Loop, Fairbanks, AK 99709

907-474-7224

Palmer Public Library

Library type: Public

655 S. Valley Way, Palmer, AK 99645

907-745-4690

Copper Valley Community Library

Library Type: Public

Mile 186 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, AK 99588

907-822-5427

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Location Type: State Government Office

Mile 186.5 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, AK 99588

907-822-3461

Paxson Lodge

Location Type: Private Business Mile 185.5 Richardson Highway, Paxson, AK 99586 907-822-3330

Delta Community Library Library Type: Public 2291 Deborah Street, Delta Junction, AK 99737 907-895-4102

Tri-Valley School/Community Library Library Type: School/Public 1 Suntrana Road, Healy, AK 99743 907-683-2507

Talkeetna Public Library Library Type: Public 23151 South Talkeetna Spur Road, Talkeetna, AK 99676 907-733-2359

Wasilla Public Library Library Type: Public 391 N. Main Street, Wasilla, AK 99654 907-376-5913

We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your comments at the public hearings in May.

//signed// Alaskan Command Public Affairs 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120 JBER, AK 99506-2101 (907) 552-2341 Fax: (907) 552-5411

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Attachments to E-mail Announcement



Draft EIS published March 30, comments accepted through June 7

The Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) consists of all land, air, and sea training areas used by the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps in Alaska to support military exercises. The proposed JPARC enhancements would:

- Enable realistic training and testing to support new technologies
- Respond to recent battlefield experiences
- Enable the military to train with new weapons systems and tactics so military personnel can succeed in actual combat

The National Environmental Policy Act requires the Army and Air Force to analyze potential ronmental consequences associated with expanding or establishing new Military Operations Areas, stricted airspace, airspace corridors, ground maneuver training areas, and training complexes. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addresses action alternatives as well

as no action alternatives, in which the military would not implement any new proposals and would continue with current training limitations. A copy of the Draft EIS is available to download from www.jparceis.com. You may also request a digital copy from Alaskan Command (ALCOM) Public Affairs or view a paper copy at the following libraries and locations: Anchorage Z. J. Loussac; UAA Alaska Resources Library and Information Services; Fairbanks North Star Borough (Noel Wien); Fairbanks Elmer E. Rasmuson Library; Palmer Public Library; Copper Valley Community Library; Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Glennallen; Paxson Lodge; Delta Community Library; Tri-Valley School/Community Library; Talkeetna Public Library; and Wasilla Public Library.

Comments from the public will be considered before any final

decision is made. ALCOM will host public hearings to provide an opportunity to learn about the proposals and provide input. The schedule and locations of the hearings are on page 2. Oral and written comments presented at the hearings, as well as written comments received by ALCOM during the public comment period, will be considered in the Final EIS.

To ensure sufficient time to include public input in the Final EIS, written comments should be submitted to ALCOM Public Affairs by June 7, 2012.

Please direct any written comments or requests for information

> **ALCOM Public Affairs** 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120 JBER, AK 99506 Phone: 907-552-2341 Fax: 907-552-5411

Commander wants to hear your feedback



As we near the next milestone in road up to this point.

We have taken your concerns and JPARC. comments received during the Public

contains a preview of some of the updates, we invite you to working with you to continue our efforts to enhance milireview a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact State- tary training opportunities, while preserving the natural ment. Details on where you can obtain a copy as well as beauty and wildlife of Alaska that we all enjoy. our schedule for public hearings and details for voicing your concerns are included in this issue. Please take advantage of these opportunities to voice your perspective.

We continue to remain on schedule with our timeline. the modernization of the Joint Pacific but I'd like to take a minute to thank you for your patience Alaska Range Complex (JPARC), and cooperation as we continue this process. We at Alas-I'd like to share a little bit about the kan Command are committed to conducting a thorough analysis of projected effects from modernization of the

Since my family and I arrived and I took command in Scoping process into consideration November, we have received a gracious welcome from the and look forward to sharing with you people of Alaska. Through more than 30 years in the Air the updates that have been made to Force, I have never seen a community more supportive the proposals. While this newsletter than that which I have experienced here. I look forward to

> Lt. Gen. Steve Hoog Commander, Alaskan Command

Public Hearing Schedule

5:00-9:00 p.m. with a presentation beginning at 5:45 p.m. except where noted*

Friday, May 11

University of Alaska-Anchorage, Lucy Cuddy Hall 2921 Spirit Way, Anchorage

Monday, May 14

Palmer Community Center (The Railroad Depot)

610 S. Valley Way, Palmer

Tuesday, May 15

Lake Louise Lodge

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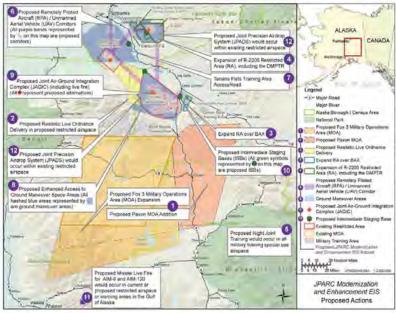
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Please direct any written comments or requests for information to: ALCOM Public Affairs 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120, JBER, AK 99506 Phone: 907-552-2341, Fax: 907-552-5411

What happened to your scoping comments?

Over the last year, representatives from Alaskan Command and the EIS proponents have been meeting internally and externally with government agencies to discuss and modify the proposals in the JPARC EIS to further address military requirements as well as comments collected during the public scoping process.

Since the public scoping process and the last JPARC newsletter, the JPARC EIS proposals are now described as twelve proposed actions instead of ten to simplify the environmental analysis. Additionally, some alternatives have been removed, changed, added to, or replaced as noted below.



- 1. A new Alternative E is described under Proposed Fox 3 MOA Expansion and New Paxon MOA. The new Alternative moves the originally proposed Alternative A Fox MOA southern boundary about 20 miles to the North and addresses some of the major public and agency concerns regarding airspace management and potential impacts to the Lake Louise area.
- 2. Alternatives A and B under Proposal 2: Proposed Realistic Live Ordnance Delivery describe two inert ordnance target areas, that when solely utilized, would maintain all hazard areas or danger zones entirely on military lands.
- 3. Proposal 3: Battle Area Complex Restricted Area Addition (arising from the breakout of the Proposed Joint Combined Arms Live Fire [JCALF] Proposal) has a new Alternative B, which proposes to expand the restricted airspace to include airspace over the military's Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) as well as the CACTF Controlled Firing Area (CFA) - both on military lands. (See Comments...on page 3)

(Comments, Continued from page 2)

- 4. Proposal 4: Expand R-2205 Restricted Area, including the Digital Multi-Purpose Training Range (DMPTR) (arising from the breakout of the Proposed JCALF Proposal) proposes to add restricted airspace over military lands to the west, and excludes restricted airspace originally proposed in Alternative A that extended over non-military lands.
- Proposed 5: Proposed Night Joint Training now includes Air Force night weapons employment and lightsout capabilities, which are capabilities currently utilized by the Army.
- To-scale maps have been developed for Proposal 6: Proposed Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Access:

The six proposals listed below have incurred no significant changes, except separating the Enhanced Ground Maneuver Space proposal from the Road Access to Tanana Flats Training Area (TFTA) proposal to simplify analyses. These proposals are less developed than the definitive proposals listed above and are designated as programmatic. The 2013 Record of Decision will not address these proposals, but inclusion now allows the military to obtain additional public input before developing alternatives. These proposals will need to go through a separate EIS process once more specific plans and alternatives are developed.

Proposal 7: Proposed Enhanced Access to Ground Maneuver Space

Proposal 8: Proposed Tanana Flats Training Area (TFTA) Access Road

Proposal 9: Proposed Joint Air-Ground Integration Complex (JAGIC)

Proposal 10: Proposed Intermediate Staging Bases (ISBs)

Proposal 11: Proposed Missile Live Fire for AIM-9X and AIM-120 in the Gulf of Alaska

Proposal 12: Proposed Joint Precision Airdrop System (JPADS) Drop Zones

Public involvement during the EIS process

As outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines, the next major step in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process is the Draft EIS public comment period. This step began when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register, and at www.epa.gov/compliance/nepaieisdata.html, informing the public the draft is available for comment. With publication, there will be a minimum 45-day public comment period.

During this time, Alaskan Command will conduct public hearings as a way to solicit comments. We will also request comments from other Federal, State, and local agencies which may have jurisdiction or interest in these proposals.

When the public comment period is finished, Alaskan Command will analyze or respond to comments, conduct further analysis on the proposals as necessary, and prepare the final EIS. In the final EIS we will analyze the substantive comments received from other government agencies and from you and other members of the public.

Because of the continuous analysis and consideration of public comments, we encourage you to stay involved throughout the process. Please take the opportunity to review the draft EIS and provide your comments and input through one of many avenues made available, whether it is at a public hearing, online or via the mail. Regardless of how they are submitted all comments will be given the same consideration as we seek to find the "win-win" for all parties involved.



Are you Special Use Airspace savvy?

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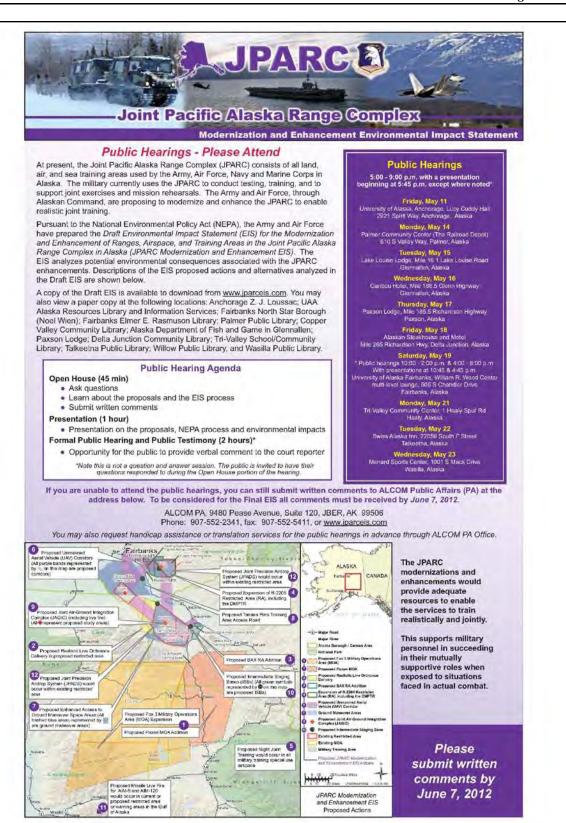
men (NOTAM) will be published at sectional charts and are of two types:

When it comes to Special Use Air- least 48 hours in advance prior to IR (IFR) and VR (VFR). Routes withspace (SUA), pilots can easily confuse "lights-out training" within a MOA, out a segment above 1,500 feet AGL one type of SUA with the other, or Alaska has ten MOA complexes cur- are charted with a four-number identiwhen in doubt, treat them all the same, rently used for lights-out training; fier, and routes with at least one seg-Not knowing and understanding the Birch, Buffalo, Delta, Eielson, Fox, ment above 1,500 feet AGL are SUA located within your route of Galena, Naknek, Stony. Susitna, and charted with a three-number identifier. One thing to keep in mind when trying Restricted Areas (RAs); Re- to de-conflict yourself from military ing the Special Use Airspace Informa- stricted areas contain hazardous activ- aircraft established on one of these tion Service (SUAIS) here in Alaska, ity that do not mix well with general routes, is that aircraft may be up to 5 navigating SUA can be an enjoyable aviation; activities such as artillery miles on either side of the charted experience. Let's take a look at a few firing and releasing munitions from line-this means these routes are 10 types you will most likely encounter aircraft. Unauthorized entry into a miles wide. Also, military aircraft are restricted area is not only illegal, but not confined to MTRs, MOAs, and Military Operations Areas can be extremely dangerous. Re- restricted areas. Military aircraft may (MOAs); activity within a MOA is stricted areas are identified on aero- be encountered anywhere civil traffic considered "non-hazardous" in nature nautical charts by a defined area and flies but when outside of specially dessince no munitions are being released labeled with the letter "R," followed ignated airspace, they must adhere to

Special Use Airspace Information vering military traffic from Instrument are identified in the Sectional Chart's Service (SUAIS) in Alaska; SUAIS is Flight Rules (IFR) traffic. These areas legend. Use this information to con- a 24-hour service provided to civilian are identified on aviation charts by a tact the controlling agency and request pilots. The SUAIS's primary function defined area marked with "MOA," the restricted area's status: hot or cold. is to provide civilian pilots with inforpreceded by the MOA's name i.e. Hot means the restricted area is active, mation regarding Air Force flight op-MOA altitudes and hazardous activity is taking place, erations in the MOAs and Restricted differ for each individual area and can Cold means the airspace is now Class Areas within central Alaska, so they be determined by consulting the sec- E - and flight through is permitted. In may better plan their flights through tional chart's legend (you may be able the "times of use" section of the leg- and around the SUA. The service proto fly under or over a MOA). Al- end, it may list a time block. This does vides "near-real time" information on though Visual Flight Rules (VFR) pi- not necessarily mean the restricted area. Air Force flight activity in the Fairlots are not prohibited from entering is hot for this entire time. Contact the banks and Delta Junction areas. MOAs, they are cautioned to keep a controlling agency to determine the SUAIS also provides information on watchful eye out for military opera- RA current status, and you may be Army artillery firing and known helitions such as aerial refueling, air com- able to fly through, instead of around, copter operations. If you are not using bat training, acrobatics, and formation For R2202, R-2205, and R-2211, con- this service, you are depriving yourself flying. At night, lights-out training tact Eielson Range Control on SUIAS of information that will enhance flight

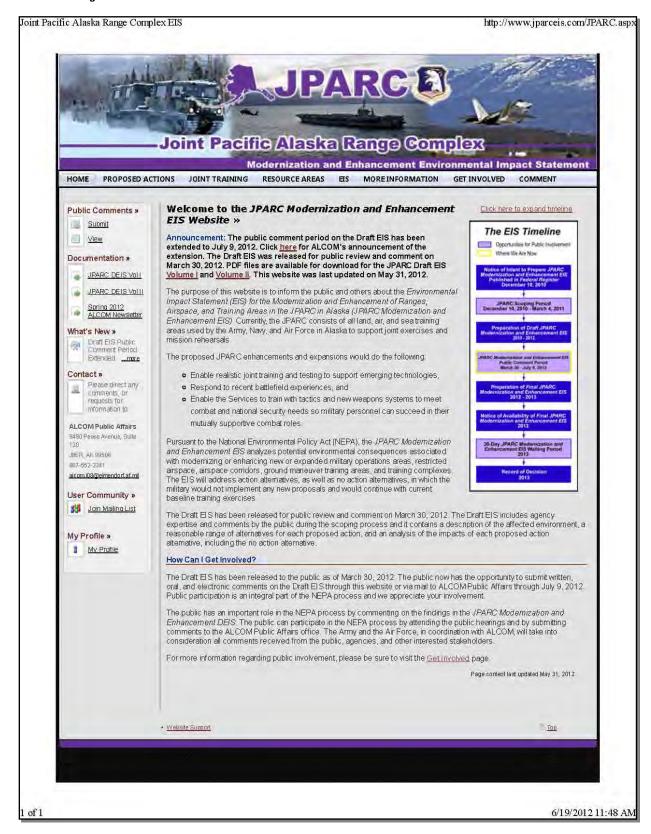
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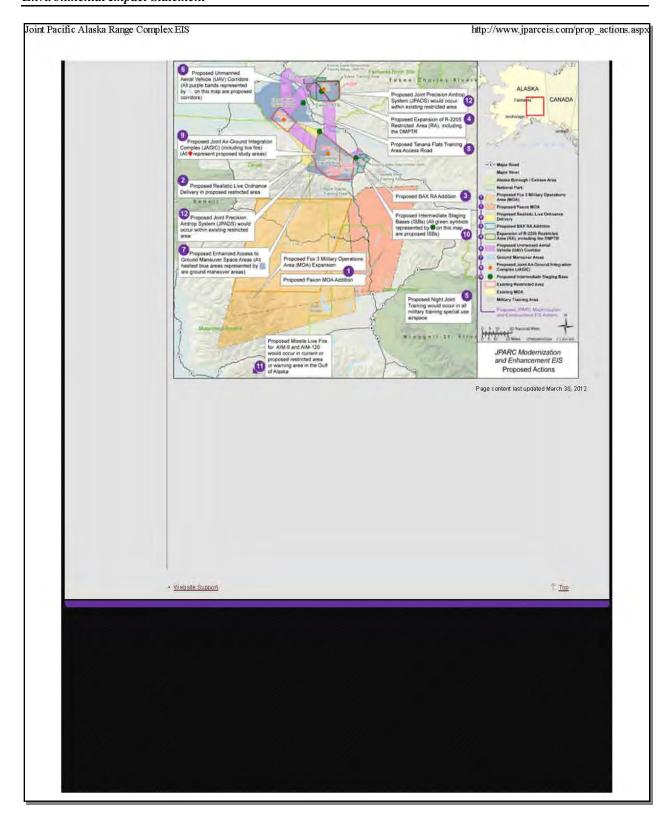


M.3 ADDITIONAL DRAFT EIS AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATIONS

M.3.1 Project Website



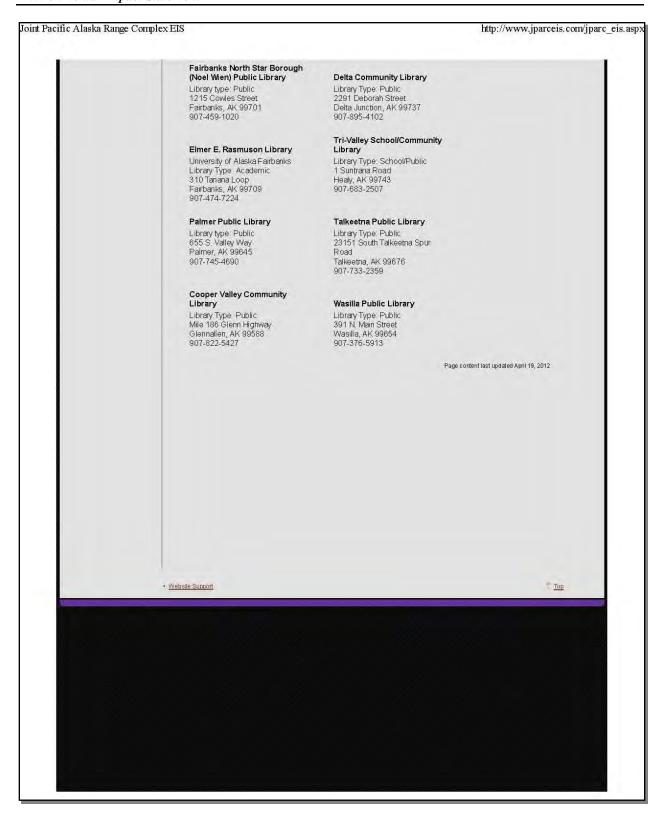










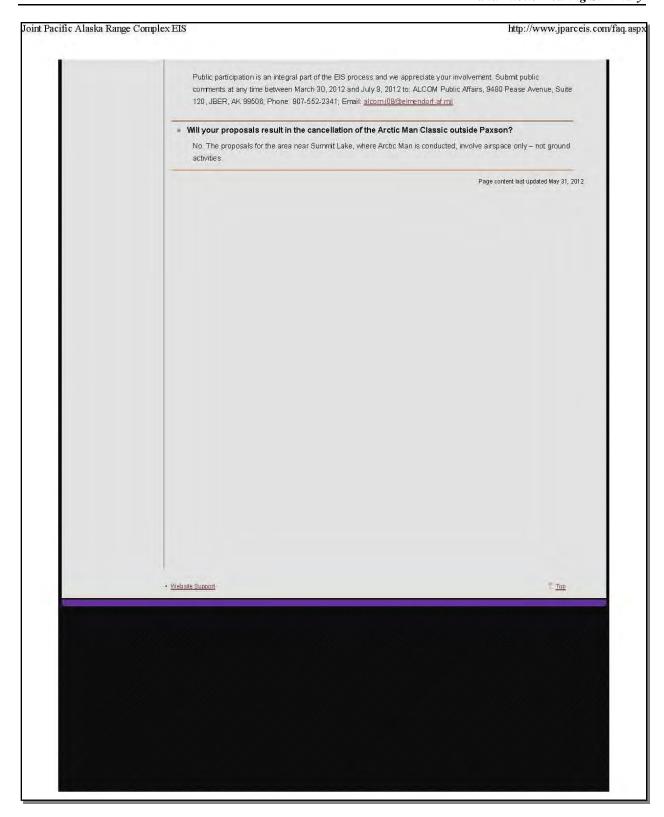






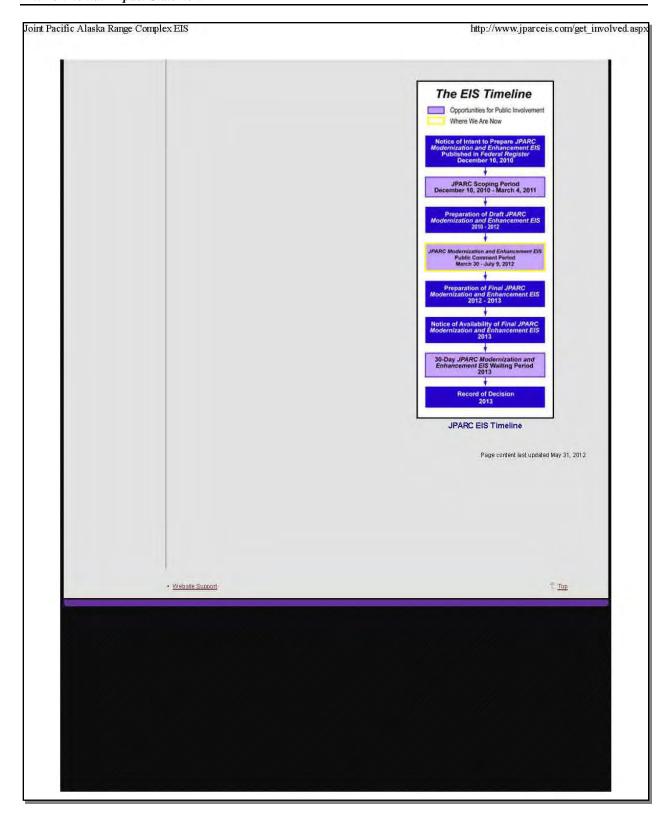
Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex EIS http://www.jparceis.com/faq.aspx public review has been published in Congressional Federal Register (CFR). The NOA for the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS was published in the CFR on March 30, 2012. The purpose of holding a Public Hearing during the Draft EIS review period is to obtain input and comment from the public, in accordance with their review of the Draft EIS. The key elements of a Public Hearing include the following: At the start of a Public Hearing for the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS the Army and Air Force will provide materials such as brochures and posters for the public to review Army and Air Force subject matter experts will be available to answer guestions members of the public may have prior to beginning of the Public Hearing • The Public Hearing will begin with a presentation by members of the Army, Air Force and ALCOM. They will briefly describe the NEPA process for the public, present information about the Draft EIS, the proposed actions and alternatives, key findings, and important resource areas studied, describe the process by which the public can become involved in the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS process, and how the public can provide comments on the Draft EIS The Public Hearing is then opened for the members of the public to provide oral comments on the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS All oral comments will be transcribed by a court reporter for input into the preparation of the Final EIS . For members of the public who do not wish to provide oral comments, a court reporter will be available to transcribe oral comments on a one-on-one basis. Members of the public may also provide written comments on comment forms that will be available at the hearing . After the oral comments have been completed, the Public Hearing will come to an end. The Army and Air Force will provide closing remarks and emphasize that the public can still comment on the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS until July 9, 2012. · All public comments issued at each Public Hearing for the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS will be included in the Final EIS with a formal response issued by the Army and Air Force What is the value of JPARC to our country's security? Because Alaska offers a yast area for training, the armed services here are able to practice more realistic combat situations and testing of combat systems. Through JPARC, our military works together, creating efficiencies while we prepare to defend our country into the 21st Century. What are you proposing? With the enhancements that we are asking the public to review, JPARC will be able to offer modern, world-class training capabilities that will prepare our armed forces to meet new threats on the world stage. The proposals will allow us to implement new technology, practice advanced combat tactics, offer realistic training opportunities and build on the strengths of all our armed services. Our overall goal is to allow the armed services to train realistically and jointly so military personnel will succeed in their mutually supportive combat roles when exposed to situations faced in actual combat What are the specifics of these proposals? How can I learn more about how they might affect my community? Details on the proposed actions and alternatives related to JPARC Modernization and Enhancement ElS can be found on the Proposed Actions page here. This site includes maps that will help you better understand the proposals for various areas in JPARC and surrounding communities. Please send questions to ALCOM via alcom/08@elmendorf at mil, or you may call or write the ALCOM Public Affairs office ALCOM Public Affairs 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120 JBER. AK 99506 Phone: 907-552-2341 Email: alcomi@8@elmendorf.af.mill Why are you asking for these changes now? JPARC originally was developed to support cold war weapons and tactics. In its current configuration, we cannot fully accommodate the critical military exercises that take place in Alaska. JPARC needs to reflect the defense requirements of the 21st Century.

Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex EIS http://www.jparceis.com/faq.aspx How will you pay for these changes? Funding will most likely come through the individual Services and the Department of Defense. In today's economic environment, we need to be good stewards of finances. Engaging in joint training allows the armed services to share training assets to maximize their value. Why are you preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the JPARC enhancements? Federal law, particularly the National Environmental Policy Act, requires an EIS for projects that are considered major actions, which is the case for the JPARC proposals. An EIS assures that the public has the chance to review proposals and register comments on them. The Department of Defense will consider community needs and all public comment before deciding which, if any, of the proposals will be implemented What will the JPARC EIS address? The EIS will analyze and evaluate potential impacts on the natural, human and cultural environment. Such impacts can be beneficial or adverse, short-term or long-term, direct or indirect, and secondary or cumulative How will JPARC affect the bases near Anchorage and Fairbanks? Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely will provide logistics and comprehensive support to undertake JPARC training, exercises and testing. As part of this EIS, we will evaluate the impact on the bases and surrounding areas - and welcome the public's comment on them. Will JPARC have an impact on the National Guard? The Alaska National Guard trains in the same airspace and ranges as active duty Army and Air Force personnel. The National Guard is part of the planning teamfor JPARC. A key objective for all the armed services - both state and federal - is to participate in the joint military training and exercises being developed at JPARC What effect will the JPARC enhancements have on land and airspace that is used for subsistence, recreation and private aviation? This is a key element that will be analyzed and discussed as the public becomes involved in JPARC decisions. As JPARC develops over the next 20 years, opportunities may arise for enhanced public use through roads and infrastructure in currently undeveloped areas. While some JPARC range and airspace areas would need to be restricted from public use, particularly during training, JPARC is distinct in that the military would strive to keep areas open to the public when feasible. Every effort will be made to minimize the impact on Alaskans' use of these areas Much of the JPARC area appears to be in rural Alaska. How will you accommodate the needs of our smaller communities? Rural communities and lifestyles are valued and will be fully considered in this process. Particular attention will be given to possible effects on wildlife, waterways, fisheries and Alaska Native subsistence needs. Again, we hope rural Alaskans and Alaska Natives will become involved in reviewing the proposals and let us know the impacts on them and their communities. How can I become involved in this process and register my comments? ALCOM will accept public comments on the Draft EIS from March 30, 2012 to July 9, 2012. The Draft EIS was released to the public for review and comment on March 30, 2012. The Draft EIS includes a full description of the affected environment, proposed actions and alternatives, and an analysis of the impacts of each proposed action alternative, including the no action alternative The public has the opportunity to submit written comments on the Draft EIS electronically through this website or via mail to ALCOM Public Affairs. Public hearings will also be held. Public hearing dates and locations for the month of May are available here and will be advertised during the weeks prior. Based on comments received on the Draft EIS, the Army and Air Force, in coordination with ALCOM, will prepare a Final EIS. The Final EIS is reviewed by the Army, Air Force, and ALCOM. They will select a preferred alternative and mitigation measures for each definitive proposed action, as applicable. After the 30-day waiting period, the Army and Air Force will issue a Record of Decision (ROD), which explains the project decision as completely as possible, based on information contained in the Final EIS





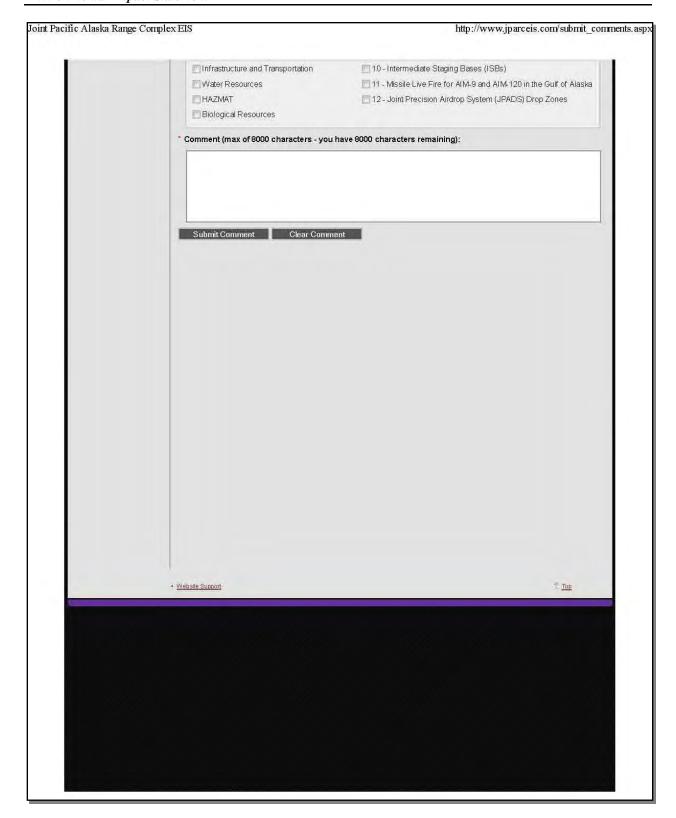
















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Alaskan Command (ALCOM), on behalf of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, are hosting public hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Modernization and Enhancement of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) in Alaska.

Currently, the JPARC consists of all land, air, and sea training areas used by the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps in Alaska to support military exercises. The proposed JPARC enhancements would:

- Enable realistic training and testing to support new technologies
- · Respond to recent battlefield experiences
- Enable the military to train with new weapons systems and tactics so military personnel can succeed in actual combat

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Army and Air Force EIS analyzes potential environmental consequences associated with expanding and/or establishing new Military Operations Areas, restricted airspace, airspace corridors, ground maneuver training areas, and training complexes. The EIS addresses action alternatives as well as No Action Alternatives, in which the military would not implement any new proposals and would continue with current training limitations.

A copy of the Draft EIS is available to download from www.iparceis.com. You may also request a CD copy from ALCOM Public Affairs (PA) (contact information below) or view a paper copy at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Glennallen, the Paxson Lodge, and the following libraries: Anchorage Z. J. Loussac; UAA Resources Information Services; Fairbanks North Star Borough (Noel Wien); Fairbanks Elmer E. Rasmuson; Palmer Public; Copper Valley Community; Delta Community; Tri-Valley School/Community; Talkeetna Public; Willow Public; and Wasilla Public.

ALCOM will host public hearings to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the proposals and provide input. Citizens and government representatives are invited. The schedule and locations of the public hearings are provided below. If you are unable to attend a public hearing, you may submit your comments on the Draft EIS to the ALCOM PA office. To be considered in the review of the Draft EIS all comments must be received by the conclusion of the public comment period, on June 7, 2012.

Public hearings are from 5 – 9 p.m., with a presentation at 5:45 p.m., with the exception of the Fairbanks hearings, which run from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4 – 8 p.m. with presentations at 10:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.

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For more information or to submit comments, please visit www.jparceis.com, or contact: ALCOM PA, 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 120, JBER, AK 99506; Ph: 907-552-2341; Fax: 907-552-5411

Please submit written comments by June 7, 2012!

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M.3.3 Press Releases

From: ALCOM J08 Admin Box [v3ALCOM.J08@us.af.mil]

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 10:38 AM

To: ALCOM J08 Admin Box

Subject: NEWS RELEASE/PSA: MILITARY WILL HOST PUBLIC HEARINGS ON DRAFT EIS FOR

PROPOSED JPARC EXPANSION

Attachments: 001--JPARC Draft EIS Released.docx; 002--JPARC Draft EIS Released PSA.docx

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The attached News Release and Public Service Announcement are for immediate release. Text versions of each are pasted below.

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MILITARY WILL HOST PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED JOINT PACIFIC ALASKA RANGE COMPLEX

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA – In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Alaskan Command (ALCOM), on behalf of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Modernization and Enhancement of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex in Alaska (JPARC Modernization and Enhancement Draft EIS).

The Draft EIS describes and analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the Air Force and Army proposals to modernize and enhance the JPARC in Alaska to best support the military exercises in and near Alaska. At present, the JPARC consists of all land, air, and sea training areas used by the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps (the services) in Alaska. The military currently uses the JPARC to conduct testing, training, and to support various joint exercises and mission rehearsals.

The JPARC was originally developed to support older and in some cases now obsolete weapons and tactics. Its current configuration cannot fully meet the training requirement for military forces and exercises conducted in Alaska. The JPARC requires a more contemporary and versatile design and improved infrastructure to meet the present and future needs of the military. The proposed JPARC modernization and enhancements would enable realistic joint training and testing to support emerging technologies, respond to recent battlefield experiences, and train with new weapons systems and tactics to meet combat and national security needs.

The JPARC Modernization and Enhancement DEIS analyzes the following 12 proposals - 6 definitive and 6 programmatic—including several viable alternative actions, as well as "no-action" alternatives.

Definitive Actions Evaluated in this Environmental Impact Statement:

- 1) Fox 3 Military Operations Area (MOA) Expansion and New Paxon MOA
- Realistic Live Ordnance Delivery
- 3) Establish New Restricted Area Over the Battle Area Complex and Combined Arms
- 4) Expansion of Restricted Area R-2205
- 5) Night Joint Training
- 6) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Access Corridors

Programmatic Actions Evaluated in this Environmental Impact Statement:

- 1) Enhanced Ground Maneuver Space
- Tanana Flats Training Area (TFTA) Roadway Access
- 3) Joint Air-Ground Integration Complex (JAGIC)
- 4) Intermediate Staging Bases (ISBs)
- 5) Missile Live Fire for AIM-9 and AIM-120
- 6) Joint Precision Airdrop System (JPADS) Drop Zones

Projects currently proposed to be addressed in the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement EIS can be viewed online at www.jparceis.com. Decisions on definitive proposal alternatives will be announced in the 2013 Record of Decision. Final decisions on the programmatic proposals will not be made prior to required subsequent tiered or supplemental environmental impact analysis.

A copy of the Draft EIS will be available to download online at http://www.jparceis.com. CDs of the DEIS will also be mailed to persons requesting a copy and will be available in hard copy format at the following libraries or locations: Anchorage Z. J. Loussac; UAA Alaska Resources Library and Information Services; Fairbanks North Star Borough (Noel Wien); Fairbanks Elmer E. Rasmuson Library; Palmer Public Library; Copper Valley Community Library; Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Glennallen; Paxson Lodge; Delta Community Library; Tri-Valley School/Community Library; Talkeetna Public Library; Willow Public Library; and Wasilla Public Library.

Comments from the public will be considered before any final decision is made. ALCOM will host public hearings to solicit public and agency input. All members of the public are invited. The schedule and locations of the public hearings are provided below:

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The first 45 minutes of the public hearing will be an opportunity for community members to learn more about the JPARC and EIS process and speak with Army and Air Force personnel one-on-one. This is an open house question and answer session. The Army and Air Force will begin a formal presentation after the open house. Comments received during the presentation are not considered part of the EIS administrative record. The presentation will provide information on the purpose and need and descriptions of the proposed actions and alternatives. The Air Force and Army will then open up the hearing for formal public comment and testimony. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing. A court reporter will be available to record all oral comments. Comments provided during the formal testimony will become part of the EIS administrative record. Substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested groups and persons are encouraged to provide comments on the proposed action either at the public hearings or by mail, phone, or fax at the address and numbers provided below. More information can be found at the project website at www.jparceis.com. Written comments presented at public scoping or received no later than June 7, 2012, will be considered in the preparation of the final EIS.

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