

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico

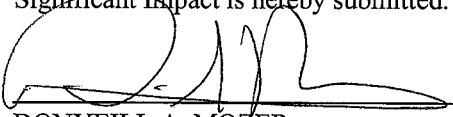
NAME OF THE PROPOSED ACTION: Supplemental Environmental Assessment for Expansion of Recreational Camping Facilities at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), New Mexico.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION: The action being proposed by the WSMR Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program (MWR) is to expand RV camp sites and add tent camp sites at the WSMR Main Post for the Army community, which includes soldiers, their families, civilian employees, contractors, and military retirees.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The purpose of the proposed action is to expand camping facilities at WSMR to accommodate an increase in Department of Defense patrons and increase the range of camping opportunities available at the Main Post. The proposed action is needed because the demand for recreational vehicle (RV) camping at WSMR is expected to increase to approximately 40 more sites than are currently available. Also, tent camping sites are in demand, but none are currently available at WSMR. According to MWR Outdoor Recreation staff, potential guests are routinely turned away due to lack of capacity.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES: This Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) contains the results of an impact analysis of two alternatives on the affected environment, including air quality, soils, water resources and floodplains, biological resources, cultural resources, noise, recreation and aesthetics, infrastructure, socioeconomic and environmental justice, and greenhouse gases and climate change. No significant impacts have been identified for the No Action Alternative or Alternative D. Mitigation measures for avoiding or reducing potential impacts for each alternative are described.

CONCLUSION: Alternative D, which includes 50 RV sites and 20 tent camping sites at the Desert Emerald North area, has been chosen as the Preferred Alternative of this SEA. Based on the analysis in this SEA, and in accordance with the guidelines for determining the significance of proposed federal actions (32 CFR §651 [2002]; 40 CFR §1508.27) and Environmental Protection Agency criteria for initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (40 CFR §6.207), WSMR has concluded that the campground expansion described in the Preferred Alternative will not result in a significant effect on the environment. Mitigation measures include removing vegetation outside of the migratory bird nesting season, replacing every tree removed by construction with a new tree and installing appropriate irrigation, and ensuring that trash receptacles and dumpsters are wildlife-proof at the selected campground site. Applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations would be followed. WSMR has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act is not required, and this Finding of No Significant Impact is hereby submitted.



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