

will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The current land withdrawal and reservation of the NAFR was established by the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-606) for the period ending on November 6, 2001. The Act provides that the Air Force may seek renewal of the NAFR withdrawal, in connection with which the Secretary of the Air Force will publish a legislative EIS addressing legislative alternatives and the effects of continued withdrawal.

The purpose of the proposed NAFR renewal is to retain a military training and testing range essential to near- and long-term preparedness of United States air forces. Renewing the land withdrawal will provide for the continued effective implementation of ongoing training and testing missions while maintaining the flexibility to adapt to the training needs of new technologies as they develop. The performance of air operations in combat is directly related to the quality and depth of training. NAFR provides a combination of attributes that serve this training requirement, including the following: favorable location and flying weather; sufficient land and airspace; diverse terrain; and developed training support facilities.

A range of alternatives, including the No Action alternative required by NEPA, will be considered. Three alternatives are described below.

- **Proposed Action:** Renew Nellis Air Force Range withdrawal and reservation for an indefinite period of time with Congressional review every 15 years. The existing land withdrawal and reservation, consisting of approximately 3.0 million acres, would be reauthorized for an indefinite period of time. The land would be reserved by Congress for use by the Air Force for an armament and high-hazard test area; training for aerial gunnery, rocketry, electronic warfare, and tactical maneuvering and air support; and other defense-related purposes. Every 15 years Congress would review the Air Force's continuing military need for the land, the environmental effects, and the needs of competing uses for the land and could adjust, if warranted, the terms and conditions of the withdrawal. Without limiting the priority use by the Air Force, the land would be managed in part by the Bureau of Land Management and in part by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Specifically, the Bureau of Land Management would manage approximately 2.2 million acres of the NAFR pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and other applicable laws. The

remaining 826,000 acres of the NAFR are within the Desert National Wildlife Refuge and would be managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Act of 1976.

- **Alternative A:** Renew the existing NAFR land withdrawal and reservation for 25 years. The existing land withdrawal and reservation, consisting of approximately 3.0 million acres, would be reauthorized for a specified term of 25 years, rather than for an indefinite time with periodic reviews. Otherwise, this alternative is like the Proposed Action.

- **No Action Alternative:** No renewal of the NAFR land withdrawal and reservation. The land would not be reserved for use by the Air Force. The lands within the existing NAFR boundary would be managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and Wildlife Service under existing authorities. The No Action alternative would result in the fragmentation or cancellation of training missions accomplished at the NAFR. DOD would prepare appropriate environmental documentation to obtain Federal Aviation Administration approval to reclassify the existing restricted airspace to a Military Operation Area (MOA). This would allow for air-to-air training operations to continue, but would preclude air-to-ground training missions.

To provide a forum for interested parties to provide comments on the scope of the LEIS, a series of scoping meetings will be held in six Nevada communities. In addition, written comments will be accepted throughout the scoping period. Written comments should be forwarded to the address below by August 5, 1996. Scoping meetings will be held at the following times and locations.

1. Indian Springs, NV, June 17, 1996, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

2. Caliente, NV, June 18, 1996, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

3. Las Vegas, NV, June 20, 1996, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

4. Beatty, NV, June 24, 1996, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

5. Tonopah, NV, June 25, 1996, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

6. Reno, NV, June 26, 1996, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Please direct written comments concerning the NAFR Renewal LEIS to: Colonel Michael F. Fuquy, Nellis Air Force Base, P.O. Box 9919, Las Vegas, NV 89191-0919.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Major Jeff Shea at (702) 652-4354.

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## DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

### Membership of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Performance Review Board (PRB)

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership of the DLA PRB.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of the members of the PRBs of the Defense Logistics Agency. The publication of PRB composition is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

The PRB provides fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendations to the Director, Defense Logistics Agency, with respect to pay level adjustments and performance awards.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Donna Arellano, Workforce Effectiveness and Development Group, Human Resources, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, (703) 767-6427.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following are the names and titles of Defense Logistics Agency personnel appointed to serve as members of the PRBs. Members will serve a 1-year renewable term, effective upon publication of this notice.

**1st Level PRB:**

Mr. Gary Thurber, Associate Director, Acquisition

Mr. James Grady, Director, Distribution Systems Center

Ms. Marilyn Barnett, Deputy Commander, Defense Supply Center Columbus

**2nd Level PRB:**

Mr. Alton Ressler, Deputy Director, Corporate Administration

Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Executive Director, Logistics Management

Mr. Bruce Baird, General Counsel, DLA

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