

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Permit 1055 expires on June 30, 1999.

Notice was published on May 12, 1997 (62 FR 25927) that an application had been filed by CDFG (P622) for modification 2 to scientific research permit 1025. Modification 2 to permit 1025 was issued to CDFG on August 1, 1997. For the permit modification, CDFG is authorized an increase in the annual take of juvenile, endangered Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a new study to be conducted within Butte Creek in the Sutter Bypass. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the timing and relative abundance of juvenile anadromous salmonids, particularly spring-run chinook salmon, as they pass through the Sutter Bypass en route to the Delta. This information will be used to assess, monitor, and adaptively manage operations of Delta water exports by the State Water Project and Central Valley Project. Modification 2 to permit 1025 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 1025 expires on June 30, 2001.

Issuance of the permit and permit modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested/proposed in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that is the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Air Force announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to HQ AFROTC/RRUA, Scholarship Actions Section, 551 East Maxwell Blvd, ATTN: Mrs. Sonia D. Rudolph, Maxwell Air Force Base AL 36112-6102.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call HQ AFROTC/RRUA, Scholarship Actions Section, at (334) 953-6588.

**Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:** Air Force ROTC Scholarship Nomination, AFROTC Form 36, August 97, OMB Number 0701-0103.

**Needs and Uses:** The information collection requirement is used by the Air Force to identify the best-qualified applicants for the scholarship, providing for a "whole person" evaluation.

**Affect Public:** Individuals and household.

**Number of Respondents:** 500.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 42 minutes.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are college students between the ages of 18 and 29 years. This form collects general identification and academic performance data, academic aptitude, and Professor of Aerospace Studies (PAS) evaluation of Air Force ROTC Scholarship applicant's performance and potential. It is used by AFROTC Scholarship Selection Boards to determine eligibility and competitiveness for award of scholarships involving expenditures of Federal funds.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement for F-22 Aircraft Follow-On Operational Testing and Evaluation and Weapons School Permanent Beddown at Nellis Air Force Base (AFB), Nevada

The United States Air Force (Air Force) is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to station F-22 Tactical Fighter Aircraft at Nellis AFB, NV. A total of 17 F-22 aircraft would be permanently based in phases at Nellis AFB between the years 2002 and 2010. The aircraft, to be assigned to the Operational Test and Evaluation and USAF Weapons School programs at Nellis AFB, would use the Nellis AFB Range Complex and associated airspace for the purposes of fully testing and evaluating F-22 operational capabilities and to provide training to Air Force pilots. The proposed action entails facility construction activities on Nellis AFB over a 6 year period starting in FY 1999. Approximately 370 personnel would be added to the installation between FY 2001 and 2009. Because of the unique nature of the Air Force's Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB, only the proposed action and the no-action alternative have been identified. If feasible alternatives are developed as part of the scoping process, they will be included in the draft EIS document. The data in this EIS will be considered in making the beddown decision and documented in the Air Force's Record of Decision addressing the proposal. A separate EIS currently being conducted by the Air Force to address Nellis Range Renewal issues, will include potential cumulative impacts of F-22 flying operations resulting from this proposed action.

The Air Force intends to hold three public scoping meetings to be held on the following dates and times at the indicated locations:

1. Convention Center, 301 Brougner, Tonopah, NV, August 26, 1997, 7:00 p.m.

2. Dell H. Robison Middle School, 825 Marion Drive, Las Vegas, NV, August 27, 1997, 7:00 p.m.

3. Youth Center, Highway 93N, Caliente, NV, August 28, 1997, 7:00 p.m.

These meetings are the first step in soliciting public and government agency comments on the proposed action. Comments provided at these meetings and throughout the scoping process