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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public scoping meetings and public meetings were held after distribution of the DEIS. All interested individuals, private organizations, and government agencies were encouraged to provide input into the EIS review process. All comments received were addressed and included in the FEIS.

Coordination was undertaken with adjoining land owners; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; other Federal agencies; State of Hawaii agencies such as the Departments of Health, Land and Natural Resources, Transportation, Business and Economic Development, Offices of State Planning, and Environmental Quality Control; City and County of Honolulu agencies such as Board of Water Supply, Departments of Public Works, Land Utilization, and General Planning; and organizations such as the Mililani and Wahiawa Neighborhood Boards.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Northern Training Complex With a Multi-Purpose Digital Training Range and Expanded Maneuver Areas, Drop Zones, and Landing Zones at Fort Knox, KY

AGENCY: U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Fort Knox proposes to construct and operate a multi-purpose digital training range and a series of maneuver areas, drop zones and landing zones. These facilities would provide a multi-functional war-fighting capability to meet the Army's training needs for soldiers in urban and restricted terrain combat scenarios. These facilities would upgrade existing substandard range facilities and expand the installation's training capacity to train Armor soldiers in a realistic training environment for urban and restricted terrain combat. The current facilities do not meet modern

tank gunnery standards and are inadequate to support training for regional conflicts in urban and restricted areas. The project would include the installation of fiber optics, upgrading of existing roadways and construction of utilities to the site. The proposed training complex would ensure soldiers are combat ready.

ADDRESSES: Please direct written comments concerning the scope of the Northern Training Complex to:

Al Freeland, Chief, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Base Operations Support, U.S. Army Armor Center, ATTN: ATZK-OSE, Building 1110, Room 216, Ironsides & 6th Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5000;

or

Gail Pollock, Environmental Protection Specialist, at the same address; by fax at (502) 624-3000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Freeland at (502) 624-3629 or Gail Pollock at (502) 624-6684.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EIS will consider reasonable alternatives including: (1) Construct the Northern Training Complex that includes the Wilcox Multi-Purpose Digital Training Range (Wilcox MPDTR) and the Maneuver Areas, Drop Zones, and Landing Zones in Training Areas 16, 17, and 18 (Training Area Complex) (preferred alternative); (2) upgrade Yano Multi-Purpose Tank Range to a Digital Range and construct Maneuver Areas, Drop Zones, and landing Zones in Training Areas 16, 17, and 18; (3) upgrade Cedar Creek Multi-Purpose Tank Range to a Digital Range and construct Maneuver Areas, Drop Zones, and Landing Zones in Training Areas 16, 17, and 18; and (4) no action (continue operations with existing ranges and facilities). Other reasonable alternatives will also be considered.

Significant Issues: The primary issues to be analyzed in this EIS include: Noise (aircraft/range firing), impacts to wetlands and riparian areas, removal of approximately 2,500 acres of forests, soil erosion, water quality, endangered species, cultural resources, and other issues raised during public scoping.

Scoping: The Army prepared Draft Environmental Assessments for the Wilcox Multi-Purpose Digital Tank Range and the Training Area 16, 17 and 18 Maneuver/Drop Zones and Landing Zones. The Environmental Assessments resulted in a determination to prepare an EIS to encompass all areas affected within the proposed Northern Training Complex.

A mailing list has been prepared for public scoping and review throughout

the process of preparation of this EIS. This list includes local, state and Federal officials having jurisdictional expertise or other interests in the project; concerned citizens; conservation groups; and local news media.

Comments concerning the scope of the EIS may also be emailed to Ms. Gail Pollock at pollockl@ftknox-emph3.army.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 17, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.