Federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the scoping process for the completion of this EIS by participating in scoping meetings or submitting written comments. The scoping process will assist the Army in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human environment. Scoping meetings will be held in Anchorage, Delta Junction, and Fairbanks, Alaska. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers. Written comments will be accepted within 30 days of the scoping meetings. Written comments may be forwarded to Mr. Kevin Gardner at the above address.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Army

Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Force Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) Hawaii

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Army proposes to implement a range of activities related to force transformation in Hawaii. The primary proposed activities are associated with conversion of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), a rapidly deployable, early entry, medium weight force with a decreased logistical footprint. Impacts to the human environment, to include surrounding communities, from restructuring and from enhancing associated ranges, facilities, and infrastructure to meet Army Transformation objectives will be analyzed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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EIS Information: Mr. Earl Nagasawa, (808) 438–0722; by fax (808) 438–7801; by mail at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District, Program and Project Management Division, Attn: CEPOH–PP–E (Nagasawa), Building 252, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858–5440; or by e-mail at earl.nagasawa@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action would result in changes to various military lands in Hawaii. Categories of proposed activities include: (1) Fielding of new or modified weapon systems, armored vehicles and equipment; (2) Construction activities including erection of buildings, training facilities and infrastructure, and renovation or demolition of buildings and facilities at military installations located on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii; (3) Land transactions (acquisition, asset management and disposal); (4) Deployment of forces and specific training for deployment; (5) Training to achieve and maintain readiness to perform assigned missions; (6) institutional matters to include the entire range of diverse day-to-day activities not otherwise accounted for in other activities.

Alternatives include: (1) No Action (existing unit structure and training, no specifically planned activities for transformation); (2) Transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to an IBCT using existing ranges facilities and infrastructure as they are now configured; (3) Transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to an IBCT and mission sustainment activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure; (4) Total transformation of U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) mission activities and capabilities, to include the near-term transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to an IBCT, in order to meet Objective Force requirements fulfilling the Army Vision of an Army that has the characteristics of being more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, and sustainable; being strategically responsive; and being able to deploy rapidly and being dominant across the full spectrum of operations.

Other alternatives that may be raised during the scoping process will be considered.

Publication of this Notice of Intent does not foreclose consideration of any courses of actions or possible decisions addressed by the U.S. Department of the Army in its Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Army Transformation, dated June 2001. No final decisions will be made regarding Transformation in Alaska prior to completion and signature of the Record of Decision for the PEIS for Army Transformation.
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice to alter a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is altering a system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on April 3, 2002, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806–4390 or DSN 656–4390 or Ms. Christie King at (703) 806–3711 or DSN 656–3711.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the Federal Register and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on February 22, 2002, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A–130, ‘Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,’ dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).


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SYSTEM NAME:
Absentee Case Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
Active duty Army, U.S. Army Reserve on active duty or in active duty training status, and Army National Guard personnel on active duty, absent without authority from their place of duty, listed as absentee, and/or who have been designated as a deserter.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

1. DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

Information may be disclosed to the Department of Veterans Affairs for assistance in determining whereabouts of Army deserters through the Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Locator Subsystem.

The DoD ‘Blanket Routine Uses’ set forth at the beginning of the Army’s compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

1. DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

Information may be disclosed to the Department of Veterans Affairs for assistance in determining whereabouts of Army deserters through the Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Locator Subsystem.

The DoD ‘Blanket Routine Uses’ set forth at the beginning of the Army’s compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

PURPOSE(S):
To enter data in the FBI National Crime Information Center ‘wanted person’ file; to ensure apprehension actions are initiated/terminated promptly and accurately; and to serve management purposes through examining causes of absenteeism and developing programs to deter unauthorized absences.