

allocated for public comments by individuals or organizations at the end of the meeting. Public comment presentations will be limited to two minutes each and must be provided in writing prior to the meeting. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the open public session to: Nancy Rizer, RAND, 1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202-5050. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: September 20, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Meeting of the Defense Policy Board
Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at the Pentagon on October 10 from 1700-1930 and October 11, 2002, from 0900 to 1800.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Ann Hansen, 703-693-7034.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Enduring Freedom Lessons Learned will meet in closed session on November 21-22, 2002, in the Pentagon, Washington, DC. This Task Force will review current activities of Operation Enduring Freedom to determine both near and longer-term technical and operational considerations that could be used to improve this operation and future campaigns initiated in the War Against Terrorism.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate operational policy and procedures, command control, intelligence, combat support activities, weapon performance, and science technology requirements.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 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 November 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command, ATTN: ATCC-01 (Elaine Krzanowski), 55 Patch Road, Building 56, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1052. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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 Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 692-1451.

Title: U.S. Army ROTC 4-Year College Scholarship Application (For High School Students) CC Form 114-R, OMB Control Number 0702-0073.

Needs and Uses: The Army ROTC Program produces approximately 80 percent of the newly commissioned officers for the U.S. Army. The Army ROTC scholarship is an incentive to attract men and women to pursue educational degrees in the academic disciplines required by the Army. The information is collected annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 15,760.

Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applications are available to high school students. Once the applications for U.S. Army ROTC 4-Year College Scholarship Program are completed, they are submitted to Headquarters, Cadet Command for review, screening and selection of scholarship recipients. The

application and information provide the basis for the scholarship award.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) at Fort Lewis and Yakima Training Center, Washington

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is updating the environmental strategic planning process for Fort Lewis and the Yakima Training Center (YTC), Washington. While this planning process encompasses a series of individual land management documents (some for each installation and some for both), the fundamental focus of this effort will be on the long-term sustainability of both Fort Lewis and the YTC. The Army will prepare a comprehensive EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on proposed revisions to the strategic planning process; and the Army will use public input to ensure that the needs of the installation and the surrounding communities are reflected in the final strategic plans. This sustainability planning will focus on the development of operational procedures that support the Army mission in the present without compromising the ability to accomplish the mission in the future and without limiting local communities' abilities to have a productive future. Deliberate, early planning, adaptability to changing conditions, and thorough coordination with regional stakeholders is essential to address the magnitude and complexity of the challenges inherent in the Army's transformation process. The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts of alternative Fort Lewis and the YTC operations, and appropriate revisions will be made in the installation strategic planning processes.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding this proposal or written comments should be forwarded to: Public Works, AFZH-PWE MS 17 (Mr. Palul T. Steucke, Jr.), Box 339500, Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Van Hoesen, Fort Lewis NEPA Coordinator at (253) 966-1780.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army has decided to modernize its forces through a process known as Army Transformation. As an interim step, the Army will establish a force that will use new weapons and employ new doctrines by transforming existing brigades at a number of installations. Fort Lewis has been chosen as one of those installations, and therefore, proposes to develop and adopt an environmental planning process that will ensure that Fort Lewis' land and natural resources can be sustained into the foreseeable future. Fort Lewis and the YTC are essential to the national security mission of the U.S Army Forces Command and the Special Operations Command, providing approximately 86,000 acres and 323,000 acres, respectively, for training areas and ranges. The combined assets of these two installations procedure combat units trained and ready for deployment. The Army has begun the transformation process. Emerging security challenges of the 21st century require that the Army transform. Among these challenges is the need to balance risk by sustaining the Army's readiness to meet the Nation's present warfighting requirements, field and station interim forces to fill current capability gaps, and design and field a force to meet future requirements. Army transformation is a continuous process, which is nested as part of the overall DoD transformation efforts. As part of these efforts, the Army is designing the Objective Force, a force that possesses the characteristic of being responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, and sustainable. A supporting effort in the Army's Transformation Campaign is the near-term effort to field and station six Stryker Brigade Combat teams (SBCTs), a force that is forming the development of the Objective Force. SBCTs are designed as a land component part of a joint team. It is designed to enter early in a theater to deter out potential adversaries. If that deterrence fails, it is a force that is more lethal and survivable than the Army's current light infantry forces, and as a member of that deployed joint or coalition force will contribute to swiftly defeat that adversary. With transformation, the army is developing new vehicles, weapons systems and numerous other technologies, which will result in qualitative and quantitative changes in the impact on/to the environment. Currently, as the details of this new force are framed, much is unknown about future actions and resulting environmental impacts. To address such uncertainties, a more sustainable

approach to environmental management is envisioned, one that can adapt to these changes by: (1) Identifying issues early in the decision process, (2) providing for a responsive feedback mechanism to decision makers and stakeholder, (3) determining the carrying capacity of the land, and (4) ensuring continuous community and stakeholder involvement. This shift in focus toward sustainability must be integrated into all business processes and management systems. This EIS will assess and evaluate the environmental consequences of alternative management strategies which promote the long-term sustainment of the training mission; natural, cultural, and environmental resources; and the surrounding community and region.

The EIS will evaluate a range of reasonable management alternatives and their subsequent environmental effects, define the sustainability issues that should frame decision making, and provide a clear comparison among the management options. While short-range management options will likely support existing planning processes or documents, these analyses will likely affect long-range sustainability goals, objectives, and management systems. The results of these analyses will be incorporated into revised management documents and installation policies. During the scoping process, the public is asked to define significant sustainability issues and a range of alternative approaches to deal with those issues and establish long-term installation sustainability.

Potential significant issues, in addition to those defined by the public, will include air quality, water quality, cultural resources, sensitive species and habitats, soil erosion, and noise.

Scoping Process: Comments received through this notice will assist the Army in framing alternative courses of action at Fort Lewis and the YTC, identifying potential impacts on the quality of the human and natural environment, and selecting long-range sustainable management of these installations. Individuals and organizations are invited to participate in scoping meetings to be held in the vicinity of Fort Lewis and the Yakima Training Center in the fall of 2002. Notification of actual times and locations will be announced in local newspapers and other media. These meetings will provide the opportunity for the public to participate in the EIS and assist the Army in establishing the scope of the study. The following issues have already been identified for inclusion in the EIS: (1) Managing, with the goal of maintaining healthy species, many that