

analytical methods for evaluating extinction risk.

In addition to the above requested information, we are interested in any information concerning protective efforts that have not yet been fully implemented or demonstrated as effective. Our consideration of conservation measures, regulatory mechanisms, and other protective efforts will be guided by the Services "Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions" (PECE Policy) (68 FR 15100; March 28, 2003). The PECE established criteria to ensure the consistent and adequate evaluation of formalized conservation efforts when making listing decisions under the ESA. This policy may also guide the development of conservation efforts that sufficiently improve a species' status so as to make listing the species as threatened or endangered unnecessary. Under the PECE the adequacy of conservation efforts is evaluated in terms of the certainty of their implementation, and the certainty of their effectiveness. Criteria for evaluating the certainty of implementation include whether: The necessary resources are available; the necessary authority is in place; an agreement is formalized (*i.e.*, regulatory and procedural mechanisms are in place); there is a schedule for completion and evaluation; for voluntary measures, incentives to ensure necessary participation are in place; and there is agreement of all necessary parties to the measure or plan. Criteria for evaluating the certainty of effectiveness include whether the measure or plan: Includes a clear description of the factors for decline to be addressed and how they will be reduced; establishes specific conservation objectives; identifies necessary steps to reduce threats; includes quantifiable performance measures for monitoring compliance and effectiveness; employs principles of adaptive management; and is certain to improve the species' status at the time of listing determination. We request that any information submitted with respect to conservation measures, regulatory mechanisms, or other protective efforts that have yet to be implemented or show effectiveness explicitly address these criteria in the PECE.

If you wish to provide your information for this status review, you may submit your information and materials electronically via email (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by: (1) Supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications; and

(2) the submitter's name, address, and any association, institution, or business that the person represents.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: August 10, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal and Reuse of Surplus Property at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy), after carefully weighing the environmental consequences of the proposed action, announces its decision to implement Alternative 1, the Navy's preferred alternative as described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Surplus Property at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, Rhode Island. This decision will make 158 acres of former NAVSTA Newport property available to the local communities of Aquidneck Island for economic redevelopment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Disposal and reuse under the chosen alternative is consistent with the Aquidneck Island Reuse Planning Authority's "Redevelopment Plan for Surplus Properties at NAVSTA Newport" (Redevelopment Plan) and Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended in 2005 (BRAC Law). The complete text of the Record of Decision (ROD) is available for public viewing on the project Web site at <https://www.BRACPMO.Navy.mil> along with the Final EIS and supporting documents. Single copies of the ROD will be made available upon request by contacting: Mr. Gregory Preston, BRAC Program Management Office East, 4911 South Broad Street, Building 679, Philadelphia, PA 19112-1303, telephone 215-897-4900, facsimile 215-897-4902, email [gregory.preston@navy.mil](mailto:gregory.preston@navy.mil).

Dated: August 7, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Redesignation of the Environmental Impact Statement To Transition FA-18C Strike Fighter Squadrons to FA-18E Strike Fighter Squadrons at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia, as an Environmental Assessment and Announcement of Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Navy's (DoN) intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the transition of the remaining F/A-18A/C/D (Hornet) aircraft, based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, to the F/A-18E/F (Super Hornet), published in the **Federal Register** on September 10, 2015 (80 FR 175), is hereby modified. The DoN is redesignating the EIS as an Environmental Assessment (EA). The DoN will hold public meetings on August 29 and 30, 2017, to inform the public and answer questions about the Draft EA and the proposed action as well as provide opportunities for the public to comment on the Draft EA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, the DoN published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS to transition Hornet aircraft to Super Hornet aircraft at NAS Oceana on September 10, 2015, in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 175). The majority of aircraft based at NAS Oceana transitioned to Super Hornet over a decade ago (as part of a separate proposed action), and are currently conducting flight training operations at NAS Oceana and Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress. The purpose of transitioning the remaining Hornet aircraft to Super Hornet aircraft is to provide newer, more capable, and more reliable aircraft to the NAS Oceana-based strike fighter community, which are needed to support the Navy's national defense requirements under Title 10 U.S. Code Section 5062.

During the development of the EIS, the DoN's analysis showed no

significant environmental impacts. This is because Super Hornet flight training is nearly identical to Hornet flight training. Consequently, there would be little to no change to the type and quantity of flight training operations at NAS Oceana and NALF Fentress as a result of the transition. The analysis also showed there would be only minor noise increases in a few areas; however, no increases would be greater than 1.6 decibels (dB) Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL). A 3 dB DNL or less change in noise levels is barely perceptible to the human ear. No significant environmental impacts were identified for the other resources analyzed in the EA, including air quality, public health and safety, environmental justice, land use, biological resources, and cultural resources. Accordingly, the DoN announces to public the redesignation of the EIS as an EA for this action.

With this redesignation of the EIS as an EA, the DoN is initiating a 30-day public review and comment period on the Draft EA beginning on August 16, 2017 and ending on September 15, 2017. The Draft EA is available at the following link: <http://www.oceanastrikefighter.com>. A printed copy and an electronic copy of the Draft EA have also been placed in the following libraries:

1. Great Neck Area Library, 1251 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454.
2. Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452.
3. Oceanfront Area Library, 700 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451.
4. Princess Ann Area Library, 1444 Nimmo Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.
5. Wahab Public Law Library, 2425 Nimmo Parkway, Judicial Center, Bldg 10B, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.
6. Windsor Wood Area Library, 3612 South Plaza Trail, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452.
7. Chesapeake Central Library, 298 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322.
8. Greenbrier Library, 1214 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320.

The DoN will hold public meetings to inform the public and answer questions about the Draft EA and the proposed action as well as provide opportunities for the public to comment on the Draft EA. Federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, and interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to provide comments in person at the public meetings or in writing during the 30-day public review

period. Two public meetings will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on:

1. Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at the Columbian Club, 1236 Prosperity Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451.
2. Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at the Hickory Ruritan Club, 2752 Battlefield Boulevard South, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322.

The public meetings will be open house sessions with informational poster stations. Members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions of DoN representatives and subject matter experts. Attendees will also be able to provide verbal comments to a stenographer or submit written comments during the public meetings. In addition to participating in the public meetings, members of the public may submit comments via the U.S. Postal Service using the mailing address identified in the contact information later in this notice or electronically using the project Web site (<http://www.oceanastrikefighter.com>). All comments made at the public meetings, or postmarked or received online by September 15, 2017, will become part of the public record and be considered in the Final EA.

The DoN may release the city, state, and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments during the Draft EA public review and comment period. However, the names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers, or other personally identifiable information of those individuals will not be released by the DoN unless required by law. Prior to each commenter making verbal comments to the stenographer at the public meetings the commenter will be asked whether he or she agrees to a release of their personally identifiable information. Those commenters submitting written comments, either using comment forms or via the project Web site, will be asked whether they authorize release of personally identifiable information by checking a "release" box.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** NAS Oceana Strike Fighter Transition EA Project Manager (Code EV21/TW); Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### 2025 Power Marketing Plan

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of final plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), announces its final 2025 Power Marketing Plan (Marketing Plan) for the Sierra Nevada Region (SNR). On December 31, 2024, all of SNR's long-term power sales contracts will expire. This notice responds to comments received on the Proposed 2025 Power Marketing Plan (Proposed Plan) and sets forth the Marketing Plan. The Marketing Plan specifies the terms and conditions under which WAPA will market power from the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the Washoe Project beginning January 1, 2025. This Marketing Plan supersedes all previous marketing plans for these projects. WAPA will offer new contracts for the sale of power to existing customers as more fully described in the Marketing Plan. Entities who wish to apply for a new allocation of power from WAPA, and who meet the criteria defined in the Marketing Plan, should submit formal applications. Application procedures will be set forth in the Call for 2025 Resource Pool Applications in a separate **Federal Register** notice to be published after the Marketing Plan is applicable.

**DATES:** The Marketing Plan will become applicable September 14, 2017 in order to make power allocations and complete the other processes necessary to begin providing services on January 1, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sonja Anderson, Vice President of Power Marketing, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA, 95630-4710, by email at [sanderso@wapa.gov](mailto:sanderso@wapa.gov), or by telephone (916) 353-4421. Information on development of the Marketing Plan can be found at <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/SN/PowerMarketing/Pages/2025-Program.aspx>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Development of the 2025 Power Marketing Plan

WAPA currently markets power from the CVP and the Washoe Project under long-term contracts to approximately 80 preference customers in northern and central California and Nevada. On December 31, 2024, all of SNR's long-