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**Notice of Public Scoping Meeting  
Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Land  
Expansion Project for  
Fort Irwin and the National Training Center  
Fort Irwin, California**

Fort Irwin and the National Training Center, a Department of the Army training facility located in the Mojave Desert approximately 35 miles north of Barstow California, has proposed to expand the size of the facility in order to accommodate training requirements. The proposed action would require the withdrawal of federal lands from public entry and the purchase of private lands over approximately 110,000 acres adjacent to the current facility boundary.

On 16 October 2001, the Department of the Army published in the Federal Register, a Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental DEIS addressing six expansion alternatives including the "no project" alternative and DA/DOI proposed alternative. A scoping meeting is scheduled to introduce the proposed project and alternatives to the public. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to gather information from the public on issues to be addressed in the SDEIS and to provide an opportunity for public participation in the process. The meeting which will be held in two session, is scheduled as follows:

**Session One:**

2:00 – 5:00

29 November 2001

Barstow City Council Chambers  
220 E. Mt. View Ave  
Barstow, CA 92310

**Session Two:**

6:00 – 9:00

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A briefing will be presented at the beginning of both sessions to explain the mission of Fort Irwin and the National Training Center and outline the needs and requirements for the expansion. Oral and written comments will be accepted during this meeting.

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