

## **Organization of Document**

The **Executive Summary** provides a brief overview of the findings of the SFEIS, including the proposed action, alternatives, environmental and socioeconomic impacts, and mitigation measures.

### **Volume I**

**Chapter 1: Introduction** provides a review of the project, an overview of Fort Irwin and the National Training Center, and the purpose and need of the proposed action.

**Chapter 2: Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives** outlines the proposed action and alternatives to implement the proposed action.

**Chapter 3: Affected Environment** describes the existing environment for the Study Area that could be impacted by the proposed action. The Study Area is located in the Mojave Desert in California.

**Chapter 4: Environmental Consequences** analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with each alternative and describes mitigation measures to decrease those impacts.

**Chapter 5: Selection of Preferred Alternative** explains the rationale for choosing the preferred alternative.

**Chapter 6: Consultation and Coordination** supplies information on who was contacted, public participation opportunities, and repositories where the document may be viewed.

**Chapter 7: List of Preparers** identifies persons who prepared this SFEIS.

**Chapter 8: Bibliography** provides the reference materials used in preparation of this SFEIS.

**Chapter 9: Acronyms and Glossary** provides definitions of terms and acronyms to help with the review of the SFEIS.

### **Volume II**

**Appendices** released with the draft document. These include: Land Use Requirement Study, Biological Assessment, Biological Opinion, Vegetation Association, Air Conformity, Fort Irwin Operational Information, Airspace Report, General Conformity.

**Supplemental Appendices** released with the final document. These include: three Lane Mountain milk-vetch reports, Desert Cymopterus report, Environmental Training Materials used at Fort Irwin, Mojave fringe-toed lizard report, and the Programmatic Agreement with SHPO.

### **Volume III**

**Comments and Responses** provides the letters, emails, and transcripts received during the public comment period and the responses to those comments.



Abstract  
Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement  
Proposed Addition of Maneuver Training Land at Fort Irwin, CA

The Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Addition of Maneuver Training Land at Fort Irwin, CA (SFEIS) analyzes the Army's need to expand maneuver training lands at Fort Irwin, California. The SFEIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council of Environmental Quality regulations, and Army Regulation 200-2. The SFEIS is a public document that analyzes the environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic impacts of the proposed action and alternatives.

Six alternatives are addressed in the SFEIS. Alternative I (East/West), the Army's Preferred Alternative, would expand training lands to the east and west of the current base boundaries and open previously off-limits Army lands. Alternative I encompasses approximately 150,510 acres. Alternative II (Eastgate/South) would expand training lands to the east and south of the current base boundaries and open previously off-limits Army lands. Alternative II encompasses approximately 156,340 acres. Alternative III (Eastgate) would expand training lands to the east of the current base boundaries and encompasses approximately 48,760 acres. Alternative IV (Southwest/Eastgate/UTM 90) is similar to Alternative I, with additional training lands to the southwest of the current base boundaries, and encompasses approximately 185,300 acres. Alternative V (Eastgate/UTM 90) would expand training lands to the east of the current base boundaries and open previously off-limits Army lands. Alternative V encompasses approximately 72,060 acres. Alternative VI (No Action) would not expand training lands. Training would continue in the currently useable maneuver area, and withdrawn lands would be managed under the Interim Management Plan until the disposition of lands was determined.

The Preferred Alternative boundaries were developed by a consensus between the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Army in 2000. This alternative encompasses approximately 150,510 acres of Federal land, 310 acres of state land, and 9,930 acres of private lands. Alternative I also requires the use of Route B, a road through the National Aeronautics Space Administration Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex, which is situated, by permit, on Army lands.

All alternatives have the potential for positive and negative impacts. Most negative impacts are mitigated to less than significant. However, impacts to soils, desert tortoise, Lane Mountain milk-vetch, air quality, land use, and socioeconomics remain significant, even with mitigation.

A Record of Decision will be issued 30 days after the Notice of Availability of the SFEIS in the Federal Register. The SFEIS notices and general information are accessible at the Fort Irwin Land Expansion website, <http://www.fortirwinlandexpansion.com>.

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