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SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SEIS) FOR A
**LIVE-FIRE TRAINING RANGE COMPLEX (LFTRC) AND
MAIN CANTONMENT AND FAMILY HOUSING LOCATION ON GUAM**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Background

The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) proposes additional Live-Fire Training Range Complex (LFTRC) and cantonment / housing alternatives to those previously considered based on changes to the planned military buildup. This executive summary briefly summarizes the major events that have transpired since the release of the July 2012 *Final Scoping Summary Report – Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Live-Fire Training Range Complex on Guam* to

Public Scoping Meetings

Scoping is an important aspect of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and is designed to gather and develop a thorough understanding and listing of all subjects and potential issues that will need to be addressed and examined as part of a comprehensive and useful EIS report. Scoping not only informs the government agencies, interest groups, and general public about the proposed action, but also attempts to identify the issues and concerns that are of particular interest to the affected populace. This information is then used to assist resource specialists in data collection and analysis for the development of the Draft EIS. This becomes the first opportunity for the government and its citizenry to provide input and guidance that identifies issues that should be considered or addressed in the Draft SEIS. This buildup will have a profound effect on the long-term economic, physical, and cultural outlook for the Island of Guam. Specifically,

Support the Guam Military Relocation.

The 198-page Final Scoping Report was prepared for the US Navy by TEC-AECOM Pacific Joint Venture and can be accessed online at www.guambuildupeis.us.

In early October 2012, the Joint Guam Program Office (JGPO) announced that, due to the reduction in number of Marines relocating to Guam, as well as previous comments, they are now considering a greater number of possible sites for the Marines LFTRC and cantonment / housing area. Instead of a personnel increase of 17,600 (8,600 Marines and 9,000

dependents), the current plan provides for only 6,300 persons (5,000 Marines and 1,300 dependents) relocating to Guam.

JGPO also noted that several actions decided by the 2010 Record of Decision were not changing and would not be covered in the SEIS. These actions include:

- Training in Tinian
- Air combat element and aviation component of the Marine Corps at Andersen Air Force Base
- Water-side embarkation at Apra Harbor
- Non-live fire training at Andersen South

this process benefits the quality and completeness of the EIS by:

- Helping the public, elected officials, and agencies gain a clear understanding of the purpose of, and the public's role in, the NEPA process and associated EIS;
- Identifying opportunities before and during the EIS process for building trust, improving relations, and strengthening the military's credibility with its stakeholders;
- Providing a "user-friendly" approach to obtaining public and agency input, suggestions, and mitigation options for consideration in the EIS, and facilitating information sharing with the public; and,
- Complying fully with NEPA requirements, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, Department of Defense (DOD) instructions, and Executive Orders (EOs) to ensure stakeholder involvement throughout the EIS process.

As with previous scoping meetings, JGPO's intent was to present and explain to the public the preliminary alternatives for the

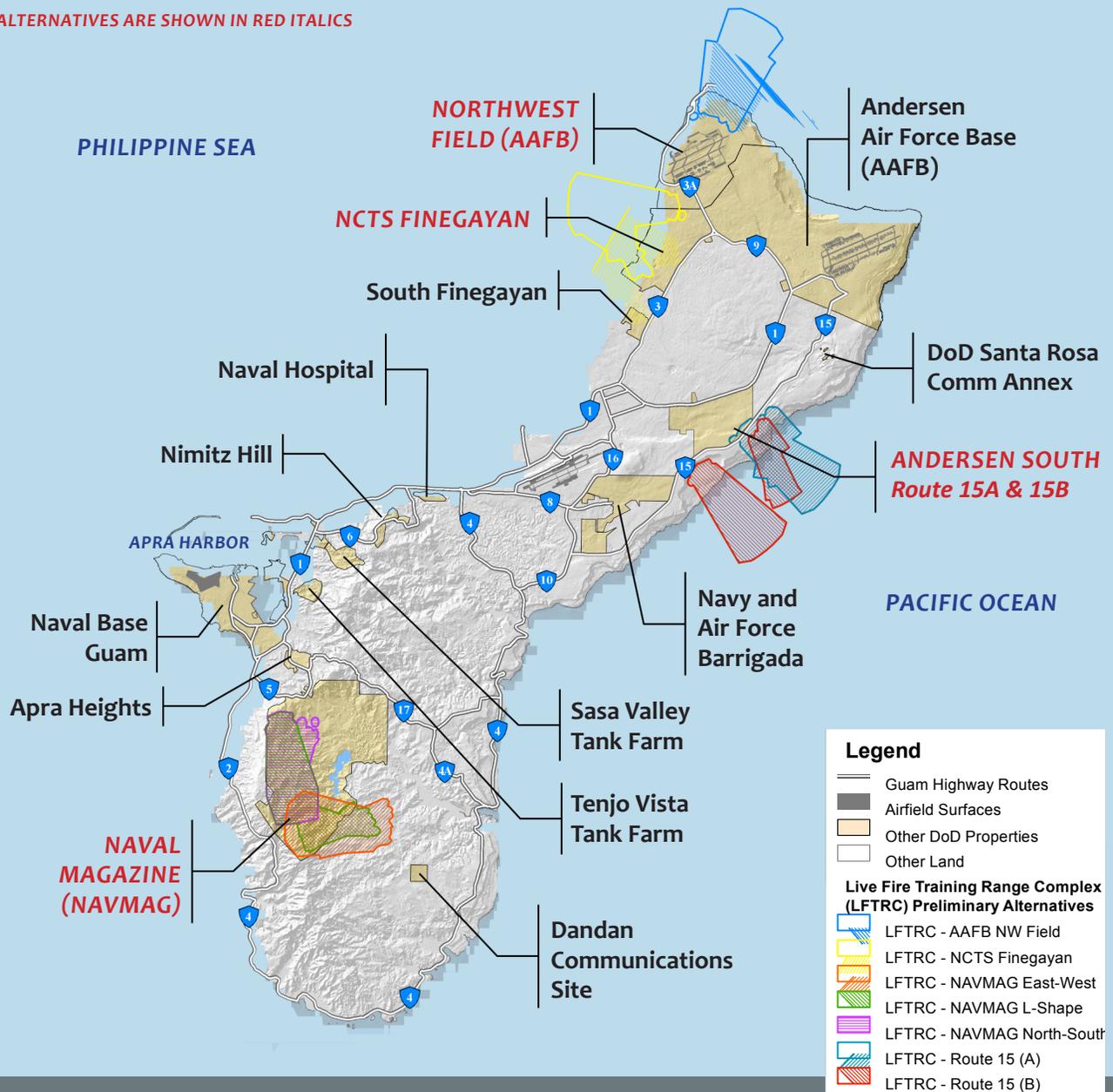
Marine Corps LFTRC and cantonment / housing area. Navy representatives have made it very clear that at this point, they have no preferred alternative.



PRELIMINARY LFTRC ALTERNATIVES

Final design will be revised through the SEIS Process

ALTERNATIVES ARE SHOWN IN RED ITALICS



As a result of the previous comment period, which ended March 12, 2012, and due to the reduced number of personnel projected to be relocated to Guam due to this action, two additional sites were chosen for firing range consideration:

- Northwest Field at Andersen Air Force Base
- Naval Computer and Telecommunications Sites (NCTS) Finegayan

These are in addition to prior alternatives considered including Route 15A, Route 15B, and three possible firing ranges at or around the Naval Magazine. There are a total of 7 sites currently under consideration.

Legend

- Guam Highway Routes
- Airfield Surfaces
- Other DoD Properties
- Other Land

Live Fire Training Range Complex (LFTRC) Preliminary Alternatives

- LFTRC - AAFB NW Field
- LFTRC - NCTS Finegayan
- LFTRC - NAVMAG East-West
- LFTRC - NAVMAG L-Shape
- LFTRC - NAVMAG North-South
- LFTRC - Route 15 (A)
- LFTRC - Route 15 (B)

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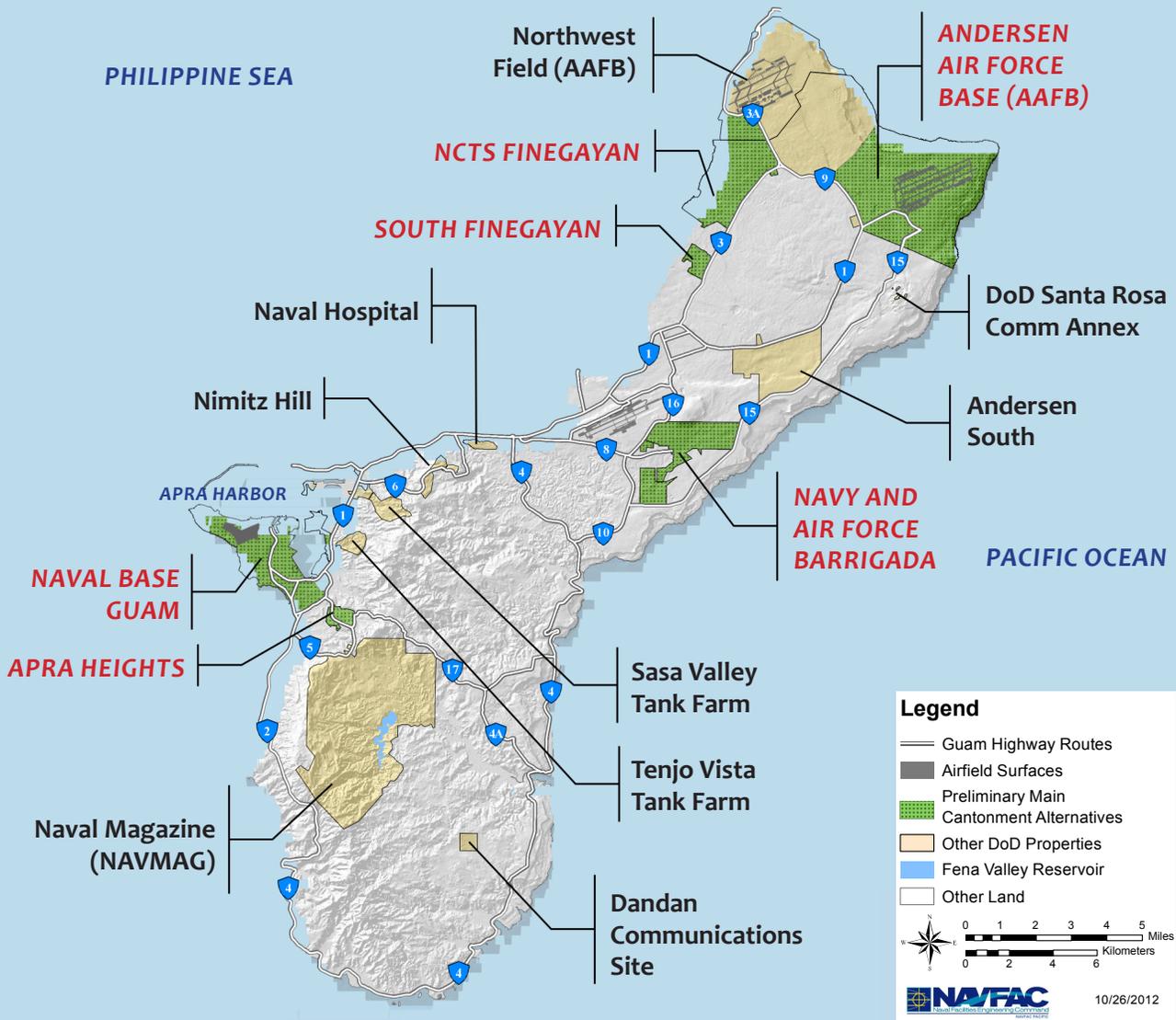
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PRELIMINARY MAIN CANTONMENT AND HOUSING LOCATION ALTERNATIVES

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The personnel reductions and changes to the LFTRC alternatives resulted in additional sites becoming feasible options for cantonment and housing considerations. The original EIS included the following alternatives:

- One contiguous location from NCTS Finegayan to Harmon Annex (includes South Finegayan)
- One contiguous location from NCTS Finegayan to South Finegayan
- Four non-contiguous areas: NCTS Finegayan and South Finegayan; Navy & Air Force Barrigada
- Three non-contiguous areas: NCTS Finegayan; former FAA parcel, South Finegayan; and Air Force Barrigada

A significant issue associated with three of the four original alternatives was the amount of non-DOD land (up to 1,006 acres) that would have to be acquired in order to satisfy cantonment and housing requirements. The new proposals for cantonment and housing considerations are all on DOD property and will not require acquisition of non-DOD land. They include:

- Andersen AFB
- NCTS Finegayan
- NCTS Finegayan (Main base/South Finegayan housing)
- Navy and Air Force property in Barrigada
- Naval Base Guam, Apra Heights, and Polaris Point

Points to Keep in Mind:

- **Military buildup activities (including improvements to roadways, utilities, aviation facilities, and wharfs) are ongoing at Andersen Air Force Base, Naval Base Guam, and Marine Corps Drive.**
- **The SEIS will focus only on the impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed training range complex and main cantonment, including family housing, as well as the impacts to the associated infrastructure, including roadways.**
- **The SEIS does not include a potential aircraft carrier pier at Apra Harbor and the Army's Theater Ballistic Missile Defense has commenced.**
- **Alternatives may be added, removed, or modified throughout the SEIS process.**

Public Scoping Meetings

In addition to working in cooperation with local government officials in collecting information relative to the anticipated impacts, a series of public meetings were organized to solicit public input and comments for refining the SEIS process. The three meetings held in Guam were:

- Thursday, Nov. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the old McCool School
- Friday, Nov. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Okkodo High School, Dededo
- Saturday, Nov. 10 from noon to 3 p.m. at the University of Guam Field House, Mangilao

All three sessions made it clear that none of the options for the Marine cantonment and housing would require the military to absorb any non-DOD land. The firing range options require between 47 and 1,634 civilian acres. The DOD is committed to achieving a smaller land footprint on Guam after the military buildup than they currently hold.

Although the preferred site has yet to be determined, the JGPO has refocused on properties the DOD already controls since the Navy now requires a much smaller area to build the proposed firing range facility and cantonment area. The preferred site will eventually be selected based on a number of factors including: compatibility with the military's mission, project costs, and environmental impact.

These meetings marked the beginning of a new SEIS process, which will shape the military's plan for a Marine Corps base and a firing range somewhere on Guam. The final decision won't be made until early 2015.

What's Next?

Public scoping comments were accepted through December 10, 2012. Although the scoping comment period is now closed, information about the project can be obtained through the project website (www.guambuildupeis.us).

The Draft SEIS is anticipated to be completed in 2014, at which time the preferred site will have been identified. When the new Draft SEIS is released in 2014, the public will have the opportunity to comment via spoken and written responses. The Record of Decision, the final step in the SEIS process, is expected to be released in 2015.



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Your questions and comments are welcome.

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