

# DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT for FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX, NEVADA

**Lead Agency:** United States Department of the Navy  
**Cooperating Agency:** Bureau of Land Management  
**Title of the Proposed Action:** Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada  
**Designation:** Draft Environmental Impact Statement

## Abstract

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared by the United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy (Navy) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S. Code §4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [C.F.R.] §§1500-1508), and Navy Procedures for Implementing NEPA (32 C.F.R. §775). The Navy is the lead agency for this EIS pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §1501.5, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a cooperating agency pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §1501.6 and §1508.5. The Navy identified its need to support current and future training activities at the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), Nevada. Three alternatives are analyzed in this EIS.

- The No Action Alternative will continue training activities at FRTC of the same types and at same levels of training intensity and frequency (as averaged over the years of 2010–2012), without a change in the nature or scope of military activities.
- Alternative 1, in addition to accommodating training activities addressed in the No Action Alternative, would support an approximately 6 percent increase in the types of training activities and the number of training events conducted at FRTC, and accommodate force structure changes. The increased activities are Combat Search and Rescue exercises, Gunnery Exercise (Air-to-Ground), High-speed Anti-radiation Missile Exercises, and Missile Exercises (Air-to-Ground) (Table 2-4). In addition, two new activities, Ground Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation (LASER) Targeting and Dismounted Fire and Maneuver, would be conducted under Alternative 1.
- Alternative 2 would include all training and range investment elements of Alternative 1 (accommodating currently conducted and increased training activities). In addition, under Alternative 2, training activities of the types currently conducted would be increased by 10 percent over levels identified in Alternative 1.

This EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts that result or could result from activities under the No Action Alternative, Alternative 1, and Alternative 2. Environmental resources evaluated include soils; air quality; water quality; noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; and public health and safety. This EIS also addresses the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions coupled with the Proposed Action on the human environment.

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