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15 May 2013

Ms. Amy Lueders
Director, Nevada State Office
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
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Dear Ms. Lueders:

SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy (Navy) is initiating the preparation of an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with training at the FRTC. The Navy is planning for a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS to be published in the Federal Register on May 24, 2013. The public comment period will run through July 8, 2013 and public open house scoping meetings will be held June 10 - 13, 2013 in four locations in the vicinity of the Fallon Range Complex.

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An important aspect of the FRTC EIS will be the analysis of the increase in training activities which potentially impacts the public's ability to use, or alters the quality of their experience with the use of, U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands that are located underneath FRTC Airspace. To complete this analysis, the Navy and the BLM will need to work together. The proposed action does not include changes to the existing configuration of

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requests that BLM serve as a cooperating agency for the
development of the FRTC EIS.

The Navy is asking for a response to this request by June 5,
2013. In addition, given the scope of BLM's mission in the State
of Nevada, please inform our program manager, Mr. Alex Stone at
contact information noted below, of any additional BLM points of
contact who should also be notified of this project in addition to
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- Circulating the appropriate NEPA documentation to the
general public and any other interested parties.
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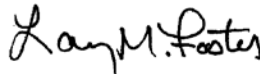
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The point of contact for this action is Mr. Alex Stone, CPF Program Manager, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.



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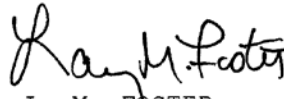
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From: Long, Julia
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 03:48 PM
To: Stone, Alexander CIV COMPACFLT N01CE1AS
Cc: Robert Edwards
Subject: FRTC EIS Cooperating Agency Status

Hi Alex,

This email is a follow up to our phone conversation today, July 9, 2013 and in response to our June 3, 2013 phone conversation regarding your invitation for Reclamation to serve as a cooperating agency for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

I am writing to let you know for the record, that the Bureau of Reclamation, Lahontan Basin Area Office will not be involved in this project as a cooperating agency. We are interested in continuing our involvement as an interested party only and request to be kept informed during the public review process.

We look forward to hearing from you during the public review process and we are interested in being notified of future projects that may impact Reclamation facilities in and around NAS Fallon.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or should you need additional information.

Thank you,

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RE: 5090 Ser N01CE1/0595

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Mr. Alex Stone, CPF Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Stone,

Thank you for your letter dated May 15, 2013, and the invitation for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to participate as a cooperating agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the preparation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The BLM accepts the request from the United States Department of the Navy (Navy) to become a cooperating agency for the preparation of this EIS and accepts the roles as outlined in the May 15, 2013 letter. The Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office will be the lead agency and point of contact for the Nevada BLM and will coordinate all necessary information with the Nevada State Office, the Battle Mountain District, and the Winnemucca District in Nevada. The point of contact for this EIS is Ms. Angelica D. Rose, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, or Terri Knutson, Field Manager, BLM Stillwater Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, telephone (775) 885-6000, or email adrose@blm.gov and tknutson@blm.gov.

We look forward to working cooperatively on this EIS with the Navy.

Sincerely,

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