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Community outreach and scoping handouts and Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination for Environmental Planning (IICEP) letters provided by the Air Force in late 2005 and early 2006 included information on 48 Primary Aircraft Inventory (PAI) as the Proposed Action. Since that time, the number of aircraft has been modified to 36 PAI.
MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
ATTN: Ann Rappoport
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G61
Anchorage AK 99501-2250

FROM: 3 CES/CC
6326 Arctic Warrior Drive
Elmendorf AFB AK 99506-3240

SUBJECT: F-22 Beddown Environmental Assessment

1. The United States Air Force (Air Force) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess the potential environmental consequences of a proposal to locate, or “beddown,” 48 operational F-22 aircraft at Elmendorf AFB (refer to attachment 1). One existing F-15C squadron and one existing F-15E squadron would be relocated from Elmendorf AFB concurrently with the proposed two squadron F-22 beddown. The EA will address changes in personnel, alternative locations and numbers of facilities to support the proposed beddown (refer to attachment 2), and a no action alternative that does not beddown F-22 aircraft at Elmendorf AFB. F-22 training is proposed for existing airspace and ranges utilized by the F-15C and F-15E aircraft (refer to attachment 3). None of the alternatives under consideration would require expansion of existing airspace.

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3. Pursuant to analysis of the proposed beddown and to support compliance with the Endangered Species Act, we would like to request information regarding federally listed threatened, endangered, candidate, and proposed to be listed species that occur or may occur in the potentially affected area. Please send this information to our representative at: SAIC Attn: Ms. Christa Stumpf, 405 S. 8th St., Ste. 301, Boise, ID 83702. We would appreciate your identifying a point of contact for any follow-up questions we may have. Please provide any preliminary agency comments or information regarding the proposed beddown not later than 15 January 2005 in order to be incorporated in the preparation of the draft EA.

4. If you have any specific questions about the proposal, we would like to hear from you. The primary point of contact is Ms. Ellen Godden, (907) 552-7305 and an alternate point of contact is Mr. Gregory Schmidt, (907) 552-1609. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

MICHAEL R. HASS, Colonel, USAF
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: 3 CES/CC
       6326 Arctic Warrior Drive
       Elmendorf AFB AK 99506-3240

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3. In an effort to analyze the potential effects of this proposed beddown the Air Force or its contractor, SAIC, may be contacting you in their data collection efforts. Please notify us of any concerns you desire be addressed in the proposed EA not later than January 6th, 2006 in order to be incorporated in the preparation of the draft EA. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this activity.

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The EA Process

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- EA Published in Newspapers
- Community Outreach/Scoping
- Refine Proposed Action
- Preparation of Draft EA
- Notice of Availability of Draft EA
- Public and Agency Comment Period
- Preparation of Final EA
- Notice of Availability of Final EA

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   Anchorage, AK 99513-7588

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
   Project Management Division
   ATTN: Stephen Boardman
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3. U.S. Department of Interior
   Office of Environmental Policy
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4. National Park Service
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2. The EA will address proposed changes in personnel, alternative locations and numbers of facilities to support this beddown (refer to attachment 2). The training routes will use the same airspace that is utilized at this time. The Air Force already plans to include an analysis of the F-22's noise level as a part of the Environmental Assessment. None of the alternatives under consideration would require expansion of existing airspace.

3. Please return the enclosed postcard by January 15, 2006, to let us know you have received this notification and let us know if you have any general concerns that could be addressed in the upcoming EA. If you believe this proposal will significantly affect any tribal right or protected tribal resource, we invite you to consult with us on a government-to-government basis. Write to us and tell us which tribal rights or protected tribal resources will be affected and how they will be significantly affected. If you would like to consult with us, we can be available in early February during the Alaska Forum on the Environment, or at other times which may be mutually convenient.

4. In order to give your initial comments or concerns consideration early, I would appreciate receiving a response by January 15, 2006. If you have any questions or comments about this proposal, contact Ms. Ann Lawton, 3rd Wing Native Liaison, at (907) 352-9677, or Ellen Godden, Environmental Planner, at 552-7305.

Attachments:
1. Scoping Handout
2. Elmendorf AFB Map
3. Elmendorf Military Operations Areas Map
4. Distribution List
5. Postcard

cc:
Dr. Jerome Montague, ALCOM Tribal Liaison
Elmendorf Air Force Base (AFB), Alaska will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of a proposal to beddown the nation’s second operational wing of F/A-22 aircraft at Elmendorf AFB.

The Proposal includes changes to:

- **Aircraft**
  - Beddown of two F/A-22 aircraft squadrons (48 operational aircraft).
  - One existing F-15C squadron and one F-15E squadron depart for relocation.
  - One F-15C squadron will remain.

- **Manpower**
  - Changes in personnel to support beddown.

- **Military Facilities**
  - Construction of 20 new or upgraded facilities on Elmendorf AFB.
  - Disturbance to about 50 acres for facility construction.

The F/A-22 Pilots will train in existing Alaskan Special Use Airspace, including Military Operations Areas (MOAs):

- Stony
- Naknek
- Galena
- Susitna
- Fox

Proposed Military Construction at Elmendorf
- Operations/Maintenance Facilities/Hangars
- Low-Observable Restoration
- Flight Simulator Facility
- Base Communication Infrastructure
- Other Base Support Facility Upgrades
The Environmental Process:

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guides the Environmental Assessment.

The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes the following resources to determine potential environmental consequences associated with beddown of the F/A-22 Operational Wing at Elmendorf AFB.

- **Airspace Operations**
  Airspace, Noise, Air Quality, and Safety (ground and air)

- **Natural Resources**
  Geology, Soils, Water, and Biological Resources

- **Cultural Resources**
  Cultural, Native Alaskan, and Visual Resources

- **Human Resources**
  Land Use, Socioeconomics, and Environmental Justice

- **Community Infrastructure**
  Public Services, Transportation, Hazardous Materials and Waste

Your comments will be used to help shape and refine the proposal and will guide the environmental analysis. Persons wishing to mail comments should mail them before November 19, 2005 to the address below, in order to be considered in the Draft EA.

Send written comments to:
Capt. Kelley Jeter
3 WG/PA
10480 22nd Street
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506

For general information, contact:
Elmendorf AFB Public Affairs
Capt. Kelley Jeter
(907) 552-5756

Your involvement and input are essential to the environmental process.

Community Outreach Events
- **October 20 to 22, 2005**, daily.
  Visit the F/A-22 booth at the Alaskan Federation of Natives Conference, Carlson Center, 2010 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks, AK.
- **October 24, 2005**, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
  Attend a public meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Anchorage, 100 W. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK.
Elmendorf Military Operations Areas (MOAs)
Attachment 3
1. Alaska Federation of Natives
   ATTN: Jukie Kitka
   1577 C St., Suite 300
   Anchorage, AK 99501-5113

2. Native Village of Tyonek (IRA)
   ATTN: Carol Burnell
   P.O. Box 82009
   Tyonek, AK 99682-0009

3. Chalkyitsik Village
   ATTN: Paul Edwin
   P.O. Box 57
   Chalkyitsik, AK 99788-0057

4. Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
   ATTN: Gary Harrison
   P.O. Box 1105
   Chickaloon, AK 99674-1105

5. Circle Native Village Council (IRA)
   ATTN: Paul Nathaniel
   P.O. Box 89
   Circle, AK 99733-0089

6. Dot Lake Village Council
   ATTN: William Miller
   P.O. Box 2275
   Dot Lake, AK 99737-2275

7. Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Govt.
   ATTN: Adlai Alexander
   P.O. Box 126
   Fort Yukon, AK 99740-0126

8. Igiugig Village Council
   ATTN: Michael Andrew, Jr.
   P.O. Box 4008
   Igiugig, AK 99613-4008

9. King Salmon Village Council
   P.O. Box 68
   King Salmon, AK 99613-0068

10. Knik Tribal Council
    ATTN: Michael Tucker
    P.O. Box 871565
    Wasilla, AK 99687-1565

11. Kokhanok Village Council
    ATTN: Tisha O'Donnell
    P.O. Box 1007
    Kokhanok, AK 99606-1007

12. Lime Village Traditional Council
    ATTN: Joe Bobby
    P.O. Box LV2
    McGrath, AK 99627-8999

13. Louden Village Council
    ATTN: Peter Captain, Sr.
    P.O. Box 244
    Galena, AK 99741-0244

14. Naknek Village Council
    ATTN: Steven Angasan
    P.O. Box 106
    Naknek, AK 99633-0106

15. Native Village of Cantwell
    ATTN: Gordon Carlson
    P.O. Box 94
    Cantwell, AK 99729-0094

16. Eagle Traditional Council
    ATTN: David Howard
    P.O. Box 19
    Eagle, AK 99738-0019

17. Native Village of Eklutna
    ATTN: Dorothy Cook
    26339 Eklutna Village Road
    Chugiak, AK 99567-5148

18. Healy Lake Traditional Council
    ATTN: Ben Saylor
    P.O. Box 60300
    Fairbanks, AK 99706-0300

19. Iliamna Village Council
    ATTN: Tim Anelon
    P.O. Box 286
    Iliamna, AK 99606-0286

20. Venetie Tribal Govt. (IRA)
    ATTN: Mary Gamboa
    P.O. Box 81080
    Venetie, AK 99781-0080

21. Nenana Native Village Association
    ATTN: Edna Hancock
    P.O. Box 369
    Nenana, AK 99760-0369

22. New Koliganek Village Council
    ATTN: Herman Nelson, Sr.
    P.O. Box 5057
    Koliganek, AK 99576-5057

23. Newhalen Tribal Council
    ATTN: Raymond Wassillie
    P.O. Box 207
    Iliamna, AK 99606-0207

24. Nondalton Tribal Council
    ATTN: Jack Hobson, Sr.
    P.O. Box 49
    Nondalton, AK 99640-0049

25. Pedro Bay Village Council
    ATTN: Keith Jensen
    P.O. Box 47020
    Pedro Bay, AK 99647-0020

26. Ruby Tribal Council
    ATTN: Donald House
    P.O. Box 210
    Ruby, AK 997680210
27. Sleetmute Traditional Council  
   ATTN: Pete Mellick  
   P.O. Box 34  
   Sleetmute, AK 99668-0034

28. Village of Stony River  
   ATTN: Tom Willis  
   P.O. Box SRV  
   Stony River, AK 99557-8998

29. Tanacross Village Council  
   ATTN: Jerry Isaac  
   P.O. Box 76009  
   Tanacross, AK 99776-6009

30. Native Village of Tanana  
    P.O. Box 13  
    Tanana, AK 99777-0013

31. Red Devil Traditional Council  
    ATTN: Tommy Willis  
    P.O. Box 61  
    Red Devil, AK 99656-061
F/A-22 Beddown Environmental Assessment (EA)  
Elmendorf AFB, AK

☐ We have specific comments on this proposed project and will provide them by January 15th, 2006.
☐ We have brief general comments and these include:

☐ We have no comments on the proposed project at this time but would like to continue to receive information.
☐ Please correct the contact information and direct future correspondence to:

__________________________________________________________

Signature                                      Date

If you have any general questions or comments about this proposal, please contact Ann Lawton at (907) 552-6977.

Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Govt.  
ATTN: Adlai Alexander  
P.O. Box 125  
Fort Yukon, AK  99740-0126

3 CES/CEVP  
Attention: Ms. Ann Lawton  
6326 Arctic Warrior Drive  
Elmendorf AFB, AK  99506-2850
September 16, 2005

File No.: 3130-1R AIR FORCE

Subject: Hangar 16 (Building 15658) (ANC-957)

Michael R. Hass, Colonel, USAF
Commander
Elmendorf Air Force Base
6326 Arctic Warrior Drive
Anchorage, AK 99506

Dear Colonel Hass:

We received your memorandum dated September 9, 2005 regarding the location of the F/A-22 facilities in relation to Hangar 16 (ANC-957). We reviewed this project under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to determine effects to cultural resources. We concur with your finding of No Adverse Effect.

We agree that the new buildings will not significantly alter the view of the historic building. Additionally, the orientation of the new buildings differs from the historic building which demonstrates the evolutionary process of building placement and the distinct periods of construction.

Please contact Doug Gasek (269-8726) if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

JEB:dfg
MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
ATTN: Ann Rappaport
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G61
Anchorage AK 99501-2250

FROM: 3 CES/CC
6326 Arctic Warrior Drive
Elmendorf AFB AK 99506-3240

SUBJECT: F-22 Beddown Environmental Assessment

1. The United States Air Force (Air Force) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess the potential environmental consequences of a proposal to locate, or "beddown," 48 operational F-22 aircraft at Elmendorf AFB (refer to attachment 1). One existing F-15C squadron and one existing F-15E squadron would be relocated from Elmendorf AFB concurrently with the proposed two squadron F-22 beddown. The EA will address changes in personnel, alternative locations and numbers of facilities to support the proposed beddown (refer to attachment 2), and a no action alternative that does not beddown F-22 aircraft at Elmendorf AFB. F-22 training is proposed for existing airspace and ranges utilized by the F-15C and F-15E aircraft (refer to attachment 3).

None of the alternatives under consideration would require expansion of existing airspace.

2. The Air Force published a notice of EA preparation in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on October 8, 2005 and the Anchorage Daily News on October 9, 2005. These early notices supported community outreach at the Alaskan Federation of Natives Conference, October 20 to 22 and a community outreach scoping meeting to Anchorage, October 24.

3. Pursuant to analysis of the proposed beddown and to support compliance with the Endangered Species Act, we would like to request information regarding federally listed threatened, endangered, candidate, and proposed to be listed species that occur or may occur in the potentially affected area. Please send this information to our representative at: SAIC Attn: Ms. Christi Stumpf, 405 S. 8th St., Ste. 301, Boise, ID 83702. We would appreciate your identifying a point of contact for any follow-up questions we may have. Please provide any preliminary agency comments or information regarding the proposed beddown not later than 15 January 2005 in order to be incorporated in the preparation of the draft EA.

4. If you have any specific questions about the proposal, we would like to hear from you. The primary point of contact is Ms. Ellen Godden, (907) 552-7305 and an alternate point of contact is Mr. Gregory Schmidt, (907) 552-1609. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

MICHAEL R. HASS, Colonel, USAF

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has received the plans for this proposed project, relative to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1535 et. seq.). Our records indicate that there are no federally listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat within the actions area of the proposed project. Therefore, no further action is required regarding the ESA.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 605 W. 4th Ave., Room C63, Anchorage, AK 99501
Ph: (907) 572-2600 Fax: (907) 271-7306

PWS Log No. 059

[Signature]

[Endorsement]

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[stamp]: Gregory C. Reidahl

Endorsement:

[Stamp]: Biological
The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the PCN for applicant USAF, activity fill, F/A 22 Beddown Environmental Assessment. The described action will not result in any adverse effect to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). No EFH Assessment is required and NMFS does not offer any EFH Conservation Recommendations. Further EFH consultation is not necessary. NMFS has no objection to the project. Please contact Brian Lance at (907) 271-1301 or e-mail brian.lance@noaa.gov if you have questions. Thanks.
Native Village of Tanacross
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January 17, 2006

3MSG/CC
Robert M. Douglas, Colonel, USAF
11550 Heritage Circle
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506-2830

RE: F-22 Beddown Environmental Assessment

Dear Colonel Douglas,

I appreciate you contacting us regarding this proposal. I would like to inform you that we do not have specific comments at this time, but we do have general concerns and would like to continue to receive information and remain involved in the process. The general concerns include the following:

1) increased noise from maneuvers in subsistence areas
2) increased disturbance of resources during critical times (brooding, calving etc.), and
3) atmospheric release of jet fuel in the military operations area.

I will be the primary point contact for NVT regarding this project. However, if I am unavailable, please contact Guy Warren Environmental Director, at (907) 562-0957 if you require immediate assistance. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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