Proposal For Utilizing SRS Land For Military Training Purposes

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Acronyms

- DA – Department of the Army
- DOE – Department of Energy
- DOE-SR – Department of Energy-Savannah River
- EA – Environmental Assessment
- EIS – Environmental Impact Statement
- FNSI – Finding of No Significant Impact
- IAG - Interagency Agreement
- LZ – Landing Zone
- PZ – Pickup Zone
- MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
- SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
- SRS – Savannah River Site
- SOF – Special Operations Forces
Background

• **Global Situation Generated New Training Requirements**
  – Large and disparate land areas
  – Insufficient land available at military installations
• **June 2004, Army Approached SRS**
• **May 2007, DOE / Department of Army Memorandum of Understanding Signed**
  – Provided General Concepts
  – Allowed DOE-SR to Develop Interagency Agreement with Army
Implementing MOU

- Conduct Environmental Assessment
- Develop Specifics of Agreements and Processes in IAG
  - No Cost to SRS
  - Real Property Remains with DOE / Boundary’s unchanged
  - No conflicts with DOE Missions
  - Army Responsible for Safety & Health of personnel
  - Army Responsible for Environmental Compliance
Environmental Assessment

• NEPA - Pre decisional consideration to Environmental Impacts
  – Public Input Process
    • Draft EA will be available for public input
    • Meetings held to allow public input
  – Analysis of Potential Activities
  – Determine Considerations and Limitations
    • Consider impacts both on and off site
  – Define the Actions
  – FNSI or EIS

• EA in Initial Stages
Training Possibilities

• Dismounted/Light Infantry maneuver training
  – Includes Special Operation Forces (SOF)
  – No Live Fire
  – No Tracked Vehicles
  – Potential for airborne and heliborne operations

• 12 Events per year, 5-14 days duration
Training Possibilities

- Logistics functions:
  - Long haul logistics
  - Convoy ambush training
- Establish communications or command & control facilities
- Joint training with SOF

- Aviation
  - Establish forward base for deep helicopter operations
  - Establish Helicopter Refuel Points
  - Establish Helicopter Landing Zones/Pick up zones (LZ/PZ)
- Interagency training with DOE Site Security Force
IAG

• DOE / Army Interface Document
  – Defines Specifics
    • Safety
    • Security
    • Environmental Compliance
    • Funding Processes
    • DOE Mission Continuity

• Initial Stages of Development
Path Forward/Timeline

• EA initiated late October 2007 – Notice of Intent
• EA Internal Scoping Meeting - 17 January 2008
• Monthly working group meeting with Fort Gordon/SRS beginning January 2008
• Analyze Army proposals against SRS resources and constraints
• Draft EA for 30-day public comment March 2008
• Final EA with FNSI or determination to prepare EIS May 2008
• Initial Draft IAG to DA and DOE leadership and other agencies for review June 2008
• Initial Draft SOP for Training Area Utilization; scheduling; occupation and clearance; resourcing July 2008
• Presentation of EA, Draft IAG, and Draft SOP at SRS Workshop August 2008
• Complete IAG – September 2008
• Signing of IAG October 2008
• Boots on the Ground – January 2009