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









Safety & performance & cleanup & closure



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







- 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



