

Presentation to the SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Proposal For Utilizing SRS Property For Military Training Purposes

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EM Environmental Management
safety ♦ performance ♦ cleanup ♦ closure

Background

- Briefed the full Board last January and the subcommittee on August 19th.
- Explained Purpose of the Proposal.
 - Expanding Army Training requirements exceeding available resources.
 - In June 2007 DOE/Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to consider Army Use of the Savannah River Site (SRS) Lands for Limited training.
- Implementing MOU
 - Conduct Environmental Assessment
 - Develop Interagency Agreement



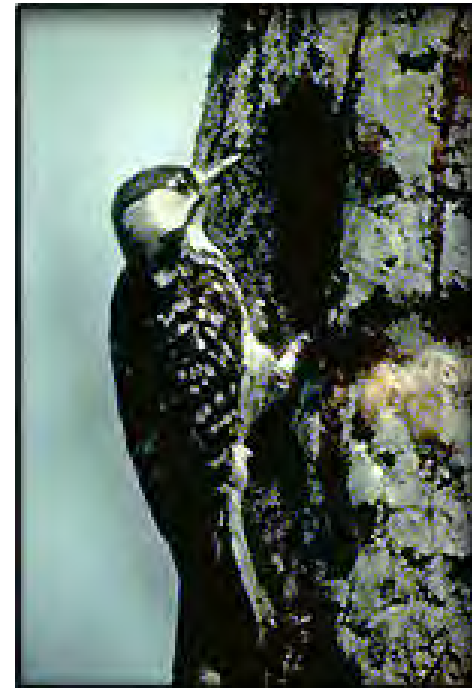
Proposal

- Training Possibilities
 - Long Haul Logistics
 - Convoy Ambush
 - Urban Operations
 - Establishing Command & Control Facilities
 - Helicopter Operations/Airborne
 - Dismounted/Light Infantry Maneuver Training
 - Joint Training With Special Operations Forces
 - Interagency Training With DOE Site Security Forces
 - 12 Events Per Year, 5-14 Days Duration
- Limitations
 - No live Fire
 - No tracked Vehicles



Environmental Issues

- Must protect:
 - Threatened and endangered Species
 - Archeological Sites
 - Ecological Set Asides
 - USDA Forest Service Activities



Activities Since January

- Two Day Workshop conducted at the Savannah River Site (SRS) in March.
- Army Visited Fort Polk Louisiana to review agreements between Forest Service and Army in May.
- Joint Army / Department of Energy meeting at SRS on August 13th.
 - Eliminate Obstacles to Environmental Assessment Development and Determine Path Forward.
 - Review Initial Draft of Interagency Agreement and determine next steps.



Environmental Assessment Actions

- Army
 - Further Articulating Specific Activities
 - Further Defining Land Requirements
 - Matching Intensity of Land Activities to Land Use Limitations
 - Provide Overall Request for Consideration
- Department of Energy
 - Work With Army to Refine Proposal
 - Develop Revised Cost Estimate For EA
- Environmental Assessment
 - Will undergo normal public review process
 - Citizens Advisory Board will be briefed
 - 30 day public review period – April 2009
 - Final EA Determination – May 2009



Interagency Agreement Actions

- Expedite Interagency Agreement (IAG) Development
 - Have Signed IAG – November 2008
 - Provides Mechanism for Funding the EA
 - Establishes Process for Army to Reimbursement DOE
- IAG Stipulations
 - Army Reimburses DOE for Incurred Costs
 - DOE Held Harmless for Army Activities
 - Army Responsible for Restoration Activities
 - Either Party May Terminate Agreement
 - Army Provides Yearly Training Request
 - DOE/Army Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to Govern Army Activities



Interagency Agreement Actions

- Standard Operating Procedures
 - Site Entry Process/Coordination
 - Application of Remote Worker System
 - Medical Emergencies
 - Fires Response
 - Environmental Awareness Issues
 - Compliance with DOE Requirements
 - Requests for Support Services
 - Points of Contact
 - Security Issues



Training Phases

- Initial Activities
 - Urban Operations
 - Use of R or P Reactor Only
 - No actions exceeding existing NEPA considerations
 - Begin training March 2009
- Full Training Capability
 - Pending NEPA Outcome
 - Use of Maneuver Land
 - No Live Fire
 - Ariel Operations
 - July 2009

