

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR UNITED STATES AIR FORCE: Proposed Mortar and Artillery Training at Richardson Training Area, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

AGENCY: United States Air Force

ACTION: Notice of Availability

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Air Force is issuing this Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise the public that it has made available for public review and comment a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Proposed Mortar and Artillery Training at Richardson Training Area, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. This EIS addresses the proposal to modify the conditions under which live-fire weapons training and qualification is conducted at JBER to meet the Army's home station training requirements and to ensure Army elements at JBER are fully prepared for operational deployments in support of the United States' evolving Arctic Strategy.

A copy of the EIS will be available for public review and comment for 60 days beginning on April 25 2025 and ending on June 24 2025. This document will be available online at <https://JBER-PMART-EIS.com> (under "EIS Documents") and at the following libraries:

Wasilla Public Library

500 N. Crusey Street

Wasilla, AK 99654

Z.J. Loussac Public Library

3600 Denali Street

Anchorage, AK 99503

Chugiak–Eagle River Branch Library

12001 Business Blvd. #176

Eagle River, AK 99577

JBER Library

123 Chilkoot Avenue, Bldg. 7

JBER, AK 99505

Comments may be submitted on the project website at <https://JBER-PMART-EIS.com> until June 24 2025. Comments may also be submitted to 673CES.CEIEC.EnvPlanning@us.af.mil or via U.S. Postal Service: JBER Environmental Planning Office 724 Quartermaster Drive, Door 5, JBER, AK, 99505. In the subject line please include PMART EIS.

The dates and times of public hearings will also be posted on the project website and will be announced in local newspapers of general circulation no less than 15 days prior to the meetings.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations, businesses and from individuals or officials representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.