

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE**

**DECISION RECORD
DNA #CA-060-0010-0028**

NAME of PROJECT: La Posta Mountain Warfare Training Facility, Campo, California (CACA-43949).

The BLM recently analyzed a Navy proposal, under Environmental Assessment and Decision Record #CA-060-0010-0002, to expand training operations from 1,079 to 5,554 acres in the Campo, California vicinity. Included in this proposal is a withdrawal of BLM lands by the Navy, identified as Parcel "C", as part of the overall project. Since this analysis, the Navy requested a change in the administrative handling of Parcel "C" to allow for the BLM issuance of an interim right-of-way grant until such time the lands are placed under the withdrawal.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE: The current proposed action is in conformance with the South Coast Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision (1994). Under the analysis of the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA #CA-060-0010-0028), this proposal conforms to the existing NEPA documentation in Environmental Assessment and Decision Record #CA-060-0010-0002.

SELECTED ALTERNATIVE: Change in the administrative handling of Parcel "C" allows for the BLM issuance of an interim right-of-way grant until such time the lands are placed under a withdrawal. All mitigation and requirements identified in the Environmental Assessment and Decision Record #CA-060-0010-0002 would apply.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Public involvement was accomplished during the processing of Environmental Assessment #CA-060-0010-0002. On October 16, 2009, the Bureau of Land Management initiated a 30 day public review period for the *La Posta Warfare Training Facility Environmental Assessment*. The EA and associated documents were published on BLM's Palm Springs-South Coast Webpage:

<https://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings.html>

including instructions regarding submission of comments. The Webpage cited November 14, 2009 as the closing date for comments.

In response to the availability of the Environmental Assessment for review and comment, BLM received one comment via facsimile on November 14, 2009 from *Save Our Forest And Rangelands* (SOFAR). The Decision Record/FONSI for this project, dated February 11, 2010, incorporated this public comment into the analysis. The current proposal represents an administrative change in the Navy's right to utilize Parcel "C". No additional public involvement or agency review is regarded necessary as the environmental impacts are the same.

RATIONALE: The current proposal represents an administrative change in the Navy's right to utilize Parcel "C". No changes in current environmental concerns, interests, resource values and circumstances exist that would necessitate further review.

DECISION: It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA #CA-060-0010-0028).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Kelsch", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

February 12, 2010

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APPEALS: This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations at Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4, and the information provided in Form 1842-1 (enclosed). If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, pursuant to Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4, Subpart E, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) the relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) the likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) the likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) whether the public interest favors granting the stay.