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Alaska Scoping Meetings

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Welcome

**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping Meeting
for Proposal to Relocate
18th Aggressor Squadron
from Eielson Air Force Base (EAFB), Alaska, to
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), Alaska, and
Rightsizing Remaining Overhead/Base Operating
Support at EAFB**



Scoping Meeting Agenda

- **Poster Session**
- **Presentation**
 - **Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives**
 - **Description of NEPA process for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**
- **Break**
- **Public comments on issues of concern for analysis in EIS**
- **Adjourn**



Public Scoping Process

- **Began with Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS; published in Federal Register on January 18, 2013**
- **Purpose of public scoping:**
 - **Determine scope of issues to be addressed**
 - **Identify major issues related to a Proposed Action and Alternatives so they can be analyzed in depth in EIS**
- **Public input is accepted throughout EIS process**
 - **Comments must be postmarked by March 1, 2013, to ensure consideration during preparation of Draft EIS**



NEPA Team Members

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- **Mr. Dale Clark, Air Force Civil Engineer Center**
- **Mr. Allen Richmond, AFCEC**
- **SMSgt Mike Hammond, PACAF**
- **Mr. Mike Briggs, AFCEC**
- **Mr. Robert Van Tassel, SAIC**
- **Mr. Joe Jimenez, SAIC**
- **Ms. Beth Farrell-Hale, SAIC**



Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives

■ Proposed Action:

- Relocate 18th Aggressor Squadron (18 F-16s and 3 back-ups), supporting units and personnel from EAFB to JBER, Alaska, in Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14)
- Decrease EAFB personnel to reflect the reduced requirements for base support in FY15/16

■ No Action Alternative:

- Maintain 18th Aggressor Squadron at EAFB



Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

- **Proposed Action is being considered for these reasons:**
 - **Support congressionally mandated Budget Control Act deficit reductions**
 - **Reduce Air Force expenditures in Pacific Air Forces**
 - **Protect broad range of U.S. national security interests**
 - **Continue Red Flag and Distant Frontier training exercises**



Proposed Action Details

- **FY14: Transfer 18th Aggressor Squadron from EAFB to JBER**
 - 542 military positions would transfer to JBER
 - 81 military positions would be eliminated from Air Force personnel requirements
- **Modify 8 existing JBER facilities to accommodate basing 18th Aggressor Squadron**
 - No new Military Construction (MILCON) projects required
- **FY15/16: Eliminate an estimated 749 military and 179 civilian positions at EAFB, none of which would transfer to JBER**
- **17 facilities available for re-use/demolition at EAFB**
- **Anticipated cost savings to Air Force of \$227M**



Proposed Action Details (Training)

- **Proposed F-16 training operations changes:**
 - **Take-offs and landings, training, and deployment of F-16s would use JBER runways and local airspace in same manner as currently assigned F-22 aircraft**
 - **For routine training flights, F-16s would use Military Operating Areas (MOAs) and training airspace closer to JBER**
 - **For major flying exercises, such as Red Flag (RF) and Distant Frontier (DF), F-16s would continue to use current airspace designated for these exercises using one of following alternatives:**
 - **Alternative A: Deploy elements of 18th Aggressor Squadron and support personnel to EAFB for duration of RF/DF exercises**
 - **Alternative B: Fly to and from RF/DF airspaces on daily basis from JBER using aerial refueling, with no routine landings at EAFB**



Existing Training Airspace





National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- **Applies to all federal agencies**
 - **Implemented by Council on Environmental Quality 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500 - 1508**
- **Evaluates potential environmental impacts of major federal actions**
- **Evaluates the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, including No Action**
- **Air Force implementing regulations are contained in 32 CFR, Part 989**
 - **Establishes Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process**



EIS Analysis

- **Environmental Resource Areas to be addressed:**
 - **Airspace Management and Air Traffic Control**
 - **Noise**
 - **Safety**
 - **Hazardous Materials and Wastes**
 - **Air Quality**
 - **Physical Resources (Soil and Water)**
 - **Biological Resources**
 - **Cultural Resources**
 - **Land Use (Including Recreation and Transportation)**
 - **Socioeconomics**
 - **Environmental Justice**

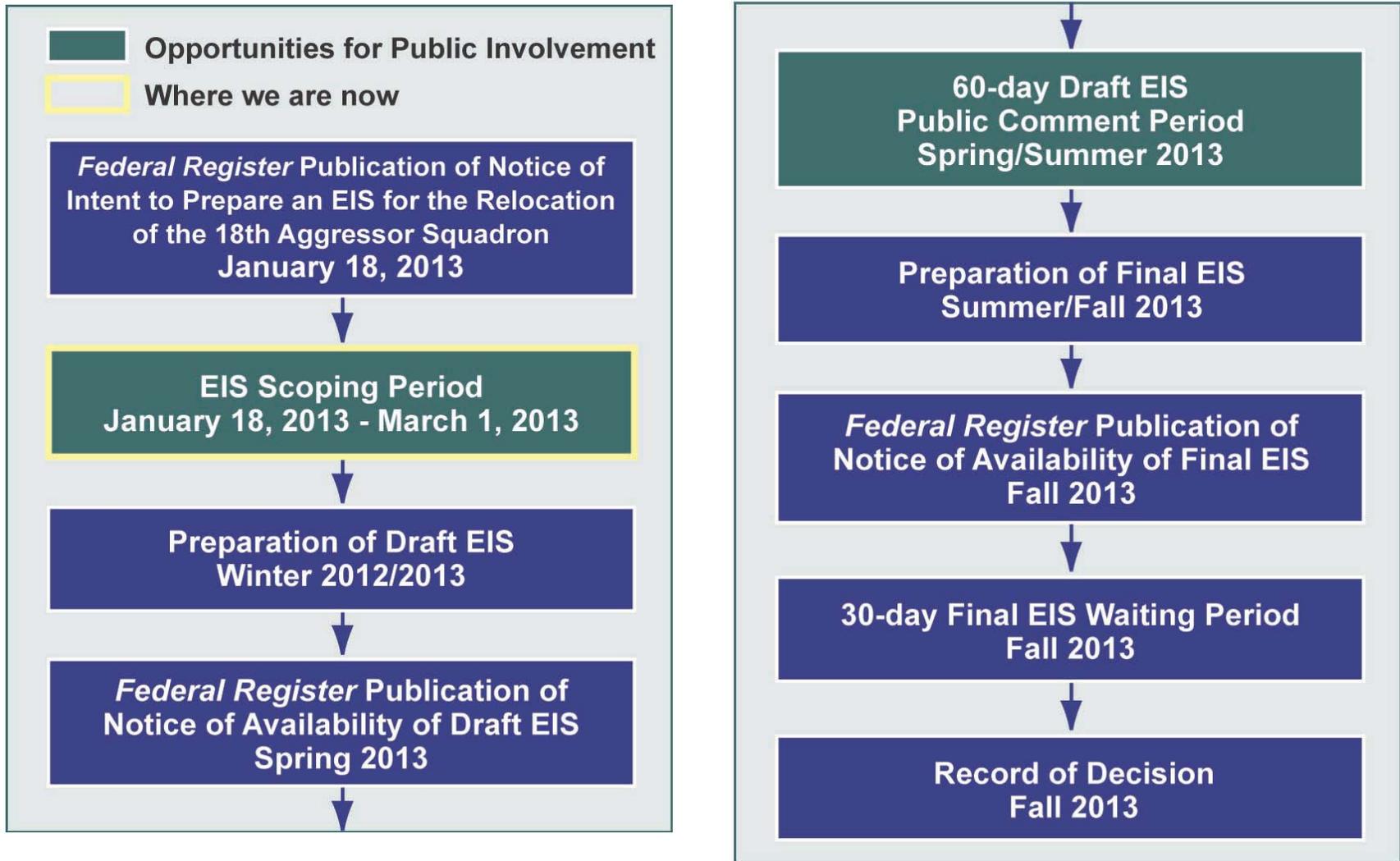


EIS Outline

- **Executive Summary:** Summarizes contents of EIS and forms basis for Record of Decision
- **Chapter 1: Purpose and Need for Proposed Action**
- **Chapter 2: Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives**
- **Chapter 3: Affected Environment** - detailed discussion of various environments which would be impacted by actions
- **Chapter 4: Environmental Consequences** - results of impact analyses conducted during EIS development
- **Chapter 5: Cumulative Impact** - impact on environment which results from incremental impact of action when added to other past, present, or future actions



EIS Timeline





Written Comments

- **Complete and turn in comments tonight or mail them to:**

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- **Deadline for submittal (postmarked): March 1, 2013**



Oral Comments

- **Individuals who have signed up to speak will be called in order of sign-up**
- **Please turn off all cell phones**
- **Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, a yellow card will be raised when you have only 30 seconds remaining, and a red card when your time is up**
- **All oral comments will be transcribed for review and consideration during preparation of the Draft EIS and inclusion in the administrative record**



Thank You for Attending



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