



File Code: 1950

Date: November 29, 2016

Dear Interested Party:

As the Responsible Official, I have prepared a Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) that would adopt the Pacific Northwest Electronic Warfare Range Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by the U.S. Navy in 2014.

The Draft DN/FONSI would authorize a Special Use Permit to allow the U.S. Navy to conduct training on Olympic National Forest for a period of up to five years. The permit would allow for the operation of mobile electronic emitters at eleven roadside locations and include project design features and standard operating procedures to protect resources and public health and safety. Legal locations are as follows: T22N, R9W, Section 31; T22N, R10W, Sections 14, 24, 33; T23N, R10W, Section 1; T24N, R10W, Sections 2, 28; T24N, R9W, Section 31; T28N, R12W, Section 1; T29N, R11W, Section 30; T29N, R12W, Sections 14, 15.

The EA, Draft DN/FONSI, and associated project documents are available on-line for review at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42759

I carefully considered public input, along with other factors, in making my proposed decision as documented in the Draft DN/FONSI to implement Alternative 1 from the EA with modifications.

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping (6/26/2014 through 7/10/2014) or other designated comment periods (8/4/2014 through 9/6/2014 and 9/26/2014 through 11/28/2014). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after these opportunities to comment.

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of the legal notice in *The Daily World* (Aberdeen, Washington) and *The Peninsula Daily News* (Port Angeles, Washington). The date of these legal notices is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to Reviewing Officer Reta Laford. Electronic objections should be submitted to: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=42759>. Objections may alternatively be submitted by FAX (360-956-2330) and by mail or in person (1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512) during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm). In all cases, the subject line should state "OBJECTION Pacific Northwest Electronic Warfare Range".



Objections must include the following minimum items as specified in 36 CFR 218.8(d):

- 1) Your name, address, and telephone.
- 2) Your signature or other verification of authorship.
- 3) Identification of a single lead objector when applicable.
- 4) The project name (Pacific Northwest Electronic Warfare Range), the Responsible Official's name (Dean Millett) and title (District Ranger), and name of affected National Forest (Olympic National Forest) and/or Ranger District (Pacific Ranger District).
- 5) Reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections.
- 6) Description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments.

Incorporation of documents by reference may occur only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

For additional information about this proposed decision or the Forest Service objection process, contact Olympic National Forest Environmental Coordinator Greg Wahl (Phone: 360-956-2375. Email: gtwahl@fs.fed.us. Address: 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512.)

Sincerely,



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