

Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

Point Mugu Sea Range

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7 Public Involvement and Distribution

This chapter describes the efforts to involve the public in preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) for Point Mugu Sea Range. The Navy requested the National Marine Fisheries Service serve as a cooperating agency due to the nature and scope of the Proposed Action and due to its regulatory responsibility for administering the Marine Mammal Protection Act permit program. The National Marine Fisheries Service accepted the request. Appendix G (Agency Correspondence) contains correspondence sent between the Navy and the National Marine Fisheries Service with respect to cooperating agency status.

7.1 Project Website

A public website was established to provide the public with project information and to accept comments electronically. The project website is www.pmsr-eis.com/, and it was made available to the public on April 27, 2018. The website address was included in the *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Point Mugu Sea Range and to Announce Public Scoping Meetings*. It was also included in newspaper advertisements, stakeholder letters, and postcards for the Notice of Intent. The scoping fact sheet booklet, public notifications, maps, frequently asked questions, technical reports, informational videos, and various other materials are available on the project website and will be updated and made available throughout the course of the project.

7.2 Scoping Period

The public scoping period began with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* on April 27, 2018. The 60-day scoping period ran from April 27, 2018, through June 26, 2018. Comments on the scope of the analysis were provided at the public meetings on May 15, 2018, in Ventura, CA, and May 16, 2018 in Santa Barbara, CA; by mail; and through the project website.

7.2.1 Public Scoping Notification

The Navy made significant efforts to notify the public to ensure maximum public participation during the scoping process. A summary of these efforts follows.

7.2.1.1 Notification Letters

Tribal letters were mailed on April 25, 2018, to 13 tribal chairpersons, founders, presidents, executive directors, and administrators of federally recognized tribes and non-federally recognized tribes, and to tribal groups who have an interest in the Study Area. Stakeholder letters were mailed on April 26, 2018, to 170 federal, state, and local elected officials and federal, state, and local government agencies. Entities that received the scoping notification letter can be found in Table 7.2-1, and an example of a stakeholder letter can be found in Figure 7.2-1.

Table 7.2-1: Entities that Received the Scoping Notification Letter

<i>Federally Recognized Tribes, Non-Federally Recognized Tribes, and Tribal Groups</i>	
Federally Recognized Tribes	
Pauma Band of Mission Indians	
Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians	
Rincon Band of Mission Indians	
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	
Non-Federally Recognized Tribes	
Chumash Council of Bakersfield	
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	
Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians	
Northern Chumash Tribal Council	
Tongva Ancestral Territorial Tribal Nation	
Tribal Groups	
Chumash Maritime Association	
Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe	
Native American Heritage Commission	
Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation	
<i>Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies</i>	
U.S. Senators (California)	
U.S. Representatives (California Districts 18, 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 33, 37, 43)	
Bureau of Indian Affairs	
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	
Pacific OCS Region	
Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs	
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	
Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs	
Channel Islands Air National Guard Station	
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuaries	
UC Santa Barbara	
Advisory Council	
Channel Islands National Park	
Council on Environmental Quality	
General Services Administration	
Environmental Policy and Planning Branch	
Marine Mammal Commission	
National Marine Fisheries Service	
West Coast Region	
Protected Resources Division	
National Park Service	
Pacific West Region	
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area	
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
National Marine Fisheries Service	
Southwest Region	
U.S. Department of Commerce	
Environmental Observation and Prediction	
U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	
U.S. Coast Guard	

Table 7.2-1: Entities that Received the Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

<i>Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies (continued)</i>	
U.S. Department of Energy	Environmental, Health, Safety & Security National Environmental Policy Act Policy and Compliance (GC-54)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	
U.S. Department of Justice	Wildlife and Marine Resources Section
U.S. Department of the Interior	Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
U.S. Department of Transportation	Federal Aviation Administration Office of Policy, International Affairs, Environment and Energy San Francisco District Western-Pacific Region Maritime Administration
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	NEPA Compliance Division Region 9
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Pacific Southwest Ventura Office
U.S. Forest Service	Los Padres National Forest Headquarters Pacific Southwest Region
U.S. Geological Survey	Pacific Regional Directors Office Western Ecological Research Center
Vandenberg Air Force Base	
<i>State Elected Officials and State Agencies</i>	
Office of the Governor (California) and Staff	
State Senators (California Districts 19, 27, 33) and Staff	
State Assembly (California Districts 35, 37, 44)	
California Coastal Commission	South Central Coast District South Coast District Central Coast District
California Coastal National Monument	
California Department of Conservation	
California Department of Education	
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Marine Region Office of Spill Prevention and Response
California Department of Health Services	
California Department of Industrial Relations	
California Department of Parks and Recreation	Division of Boating and Waterways Historic Preservation Office

Table 7.2-1: Entities that Received the Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

<i>State Elected Officials and State Agencies (continued)</i>
California Department of Transportation California Department of Water Resources California Energy Commission California Environmental Protection Agency California Fish & Game Commission California Natural Resources Agency California Preservation Foundation California Resources Agency California Sea Grant California State Lands Commission California Wildlife Conservation Board Coastal Conservancy Department of Toxic Substances Control Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment Office of Planning and Research Regional Water Quality Control Board (District 3 and 4) South Coast Air Quality Management District Water Resources Control Board
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (Districts 4 and 5) Ventura County Board of Supervisors (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors City of Camarillo City of Long Beach City of Los Angeles City of Oxnard City of Port Hueneme City of San Luis Obispo City of Santa Barbara City of Ventura Police Department Central Coast Regional Quality Control Board Convention & Visitor Bureau of Oxnard California Black Chamber of Commerce Camarillo Chamber of Commerce Filipino American Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Malibu Chamber of Commerce Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce Ventura Chamber of Commerce Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce

Table 7.2-1: Entities that Received the Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies (continued)</i>	
Santa Barbara County	
Air Pollution Control Board	
Tech and EA Division	
Association of Governments	
Planning Division	
Parks and Recreation Department	
Planning and Development	
Public Health Officer	
Ventura Council of Governments	
Ventura County	
Air Pollution Control District	
Cultural Heritage Board	
Public Health Services	
Resource Management Agency	
Ventura County Planning Division	
Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau	
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency	
Local Agency Formation Commission	
Oxnard Visitors Bureau	
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	
Port of Hueneme	
Port of Long Beach	
Public Works Agency	
Ventura County Watershed Protection District	



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER WEAPONS DIVISION
1 ADMINISTRATION CIRCLE 575 I AVENUE SUITE 1
CHINA LAKE, CA 93555-6100 POINT MUGU, CA 93042-5049

IN REPLY REFER TO:

5090
Ser 52F00ME/2805
April 18, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to inform you that the Department of the Navy (Navy) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Point Mugu Sea Range. The Navy proposes to continue conducting research, development, testing, and evaluation activities and training activities (hereinafter referred to as "testing and training activities") within the Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS Study Area as analyzed in the March 2002 Point Mugu Sea Range Final EIS/OEIS. In addition, the Navy is proposing changes in activity frequency, new mission areas, and new platforms (such as aircraft and vessels). The Navy welcomes your comments on the scope of the analysis, including potential environmental issues and viable alternatives to be considered during the development of the Draft EIS/OEIS.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to (1) provide modern instrumented airspace and sea space, maneuver areas, testing and training areas, and range infrastructure to fully support current, emerging, and future testing and training requirements; and (2) ensure the long-term viability of the Point Mugu Sea Range while protecting human health and the environment. The environmental impact analysis will support the issuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

The Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS Study Area includes the Point Mugu Sea Range, which consists of 36,000 square miles of controlled sea and airspace designated for military testing and training activities (Enclosure 1). The Study Area is located 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles offshore of Ventura County in southern California. The Navy has conducted testing and training activities in the Study Area for decades, with some activities dating back to 1946 when the Point Mugu Sea Range was established. The majority of the proposed testing and training activities to be analyzed in the EIS/OEIS are similar to the types of activities that have occurred in the Study Area for decades.

The Navy is holding two open house public scoping meetings to provide information and an opportunity for the public to comment on the scope of the analysis. The public scoping meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. The public may arrive at any time as there will not be a presentation or formal oral comment session. Written comments will be accepted during the scoping meetings, which are being held from 5 to 8 p.m., at the following locations:

Figure 7.2-1: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter

5090
Ser 52F00ME/2805
April 18, 2018

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Ventura, CA
San Buenaventura City Hall
Community Meeting Room
501 Poli St.

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Santa Barbara, CA
Louise Lowry Davis Center
Larry Crandell Room
1232 De La Vina St.

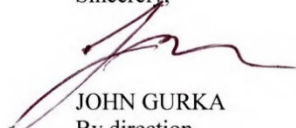
Comments may also be submitted via the project website at <http://pmsr-eis.com>, or by mail to:

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Range Sustainability Office
Attention: EIS/OEIS Project Manager
Point Mugu Sea Range, Building 53A, Code 52F00ME
575 I Ave., Suite 1
Point Mugu, CA 93042

Public scoping comments will be accepted during the 60-day public review and comment period beginning April 27, 2018, through June 26, 2018. Comments must be postmarked or received online by **June 26, 2018**, for consideration in the development of the Draft EIS/OEIS.

For more information, please visit the project website at <http://pmsr-eis.com> or contact Dr. Kenneth R. Seeley, Program Manager, at 805-989-0927 or email kenneth.seeley@navy.mil.

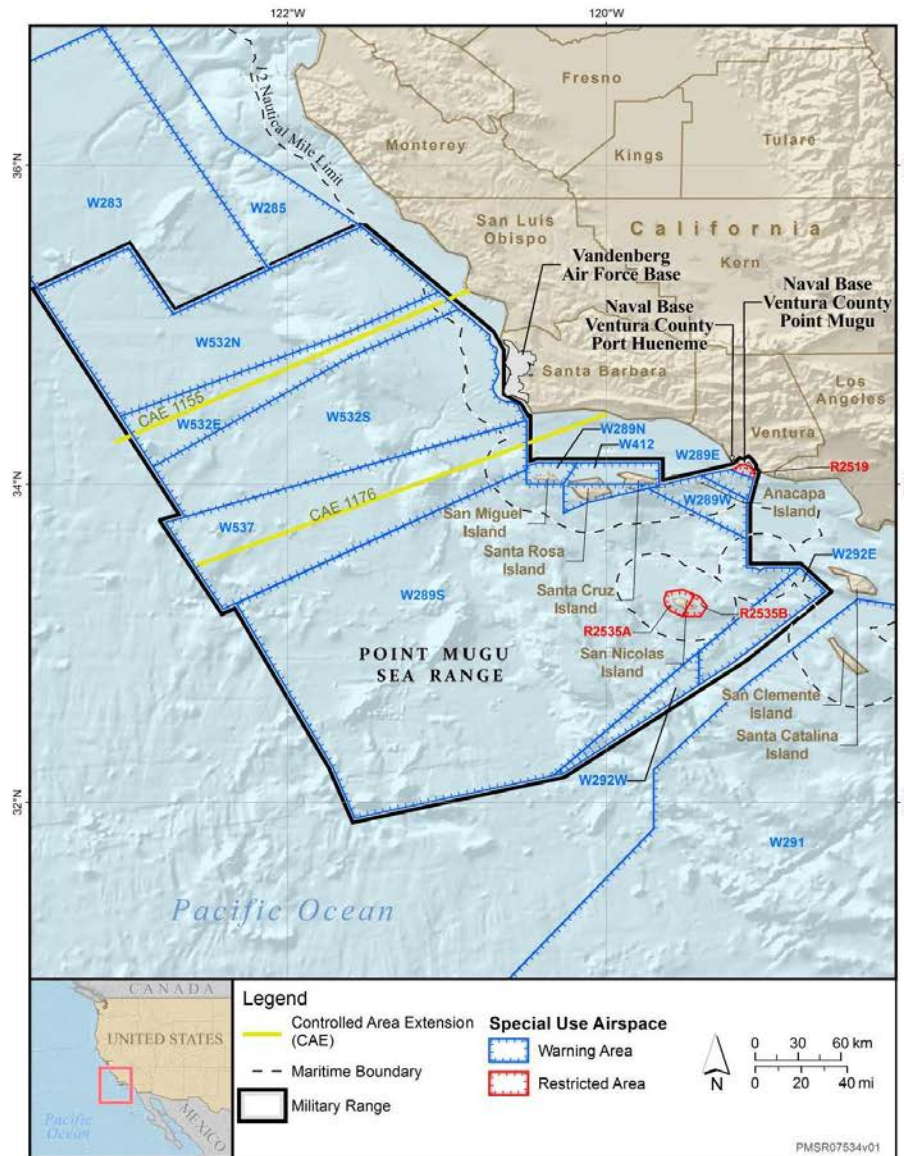
Please help the Navy inform the community about the intent to prepare the EIS/OEIS for the Point Mugu Sea Range activities by sharing this information with your staff and interested individuals.

Sincerely,

JOHN GURKA
By direction

Enclosure: 1. Point Mugu Sea Range Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Study Area

Figure 7.2-1: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

Enclosure 1: Point Mugu Sea Range Environmental Impact Statement/
Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Study Area



Enclosure (1)

Figure 7.2-1: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

7.2.1.2 Postcard Mailers

A postcard was mailed first-class to 83 nongovernmental organizations; community and business groups; fishing, aviation, and recreational groups; and researchers and universities on April 26, 2018. The postcard provided information about the Proposed Action, the website address, and how to submit public comments. An example of the postcard is shown in Figure 7.2-2.

The postcard mailer features a header with the NAWC logo and the Point Mugu Sea Range logo. The main title is 'POINT MUGU SEA RANGE EIS/OEIS'. The text invites the public to participate in the public involvement process for the Point Mugu Sea Range Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). It states that the Navy is preparing an EIS/OEIS for the Point Mugu Sea Range and that the majority of proposed activities are similar to those that have occurred in the Study Area for decades. A section titled 'Public Involvement' requests comments on the scope of the analysis and lists three ways to participate: visiting <http://pmsr-eis.com>, attending a public meeting, or mailing written comments to the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Range Sustainability Office. A call to action box asks the recipient to share this information to help inform their community. A section titled 'SCOPING MEETINGS' describes open house meetings and lists two dates: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, and Wednesday, May 16, 2018, with their respective times and locations. A footer states that comments must be postmarked or received online by June 26, 2018, for consideration in the Draft EIS/OEIS.

NAWC
Weapons Division
NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER

POINT MUGU SEA RANGE
NAVY AIR

POINT MUGU SEA RANGE EIS/OEIS

The U.S. Navy invites you to participate in the public involvement process for the Point Mugu Sea Range Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS).

The Navy is preparing an EIS/OEIS for the Point Mugu Sea Range. The majority of proposed activities are similar to those that have occurred in the Study Area for decades.

Public Involvement

The Navy requests your comments on the scope of the analysis. You can participate in the following ways:

- Visit <http://pmsr-eis.com> to learn more and submit comments online.
- Attend a public meeting and submit comments.
- Mail written comments to:
Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division
Range Sustainability Office
Attention: EIS/OEIS Project Manager
PMSR, Bldg. 53A, Code 52F00ME
575 I Ave., Suite 1
Point Mugu, CA 93042

Please share this information to help inform your community.

SCOPING MEETINGS

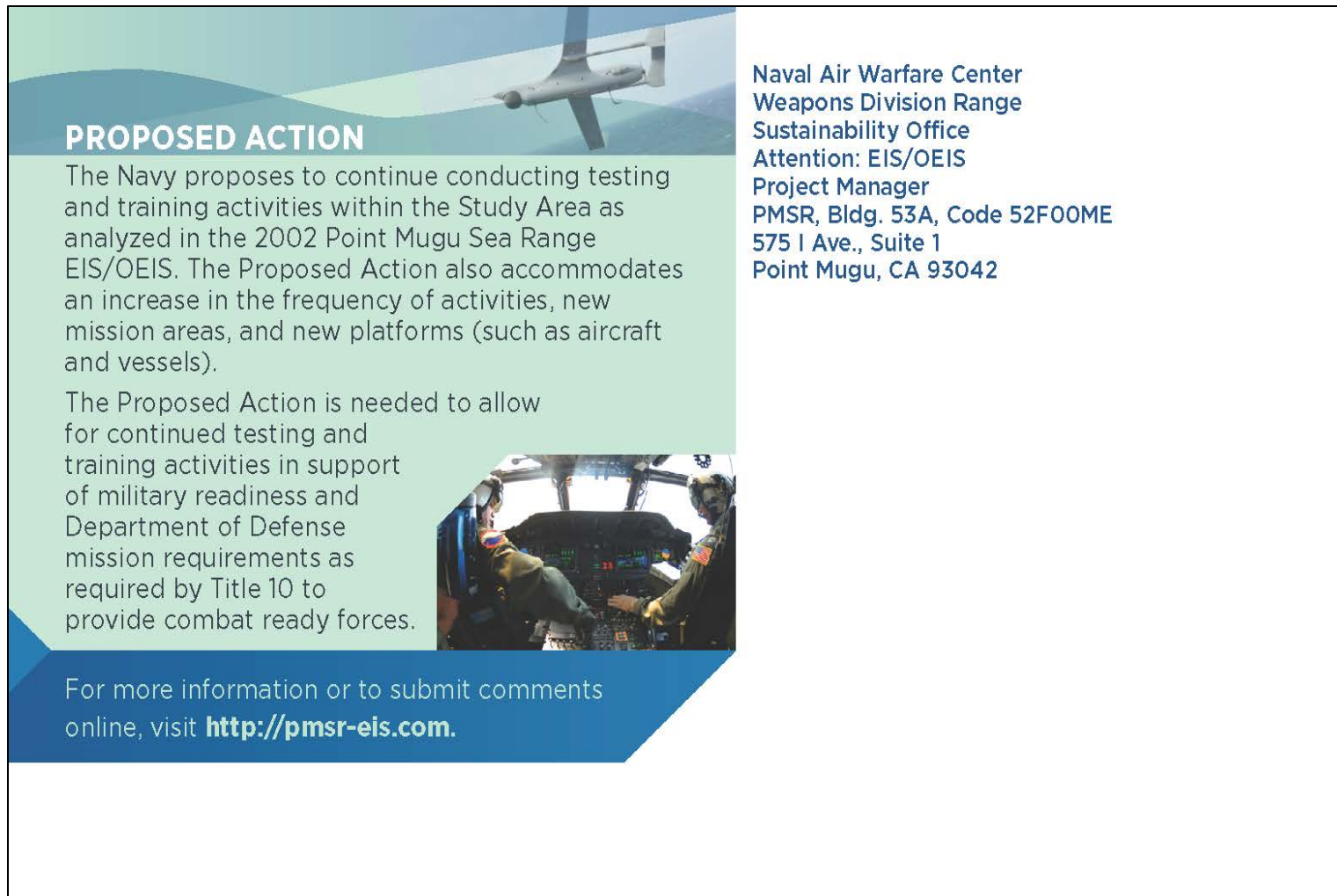
Open house meetings include informational poster stations staffed by Navy representatives. The public may arrive at any time as there will not be a presentation or formal oral comment session.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
5 to 8 p.m.
San Buenaventura City Hall
Community Meeting Room
501 Poli St.
Ventura, CA

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
5 to 8 p.m.
Louise Lowry Davis Center
Larry Crandell Room
1232 De La Vina St.
Santa Barbara, CA

Comments must be postmarked or received online by June 26, 2018, for consideration in the Draft EIS/OEIS.

Figure 7.2-2: Postcard Mailer for Scoping (Front)

The graphic is a postcard-style mailer with a light blue and green background. At the top left, there is a stylized illustration of a fighter jet flying over a green landscape. Below this, the text 'PROPOSED ACTION' is written in bold. To the right of the text, there is a photograph of two pilots in a cockpit. The text on the right side of the graphic provides contact information for the Naval Air Warfare Center. At the bottom left, there is a blue banner with white text providing a website for more information or to submit comments.

PROPOSED ACTION

The Navy proposes to continue conducting testing and training activities within the Study Area as analyzed in the 2002 Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS. The Proposed Action also accommodates an increase in the frequency of activities, new mission areas, and new platforms (such as aircraft and vessels).

The Proposed Action is needed to allow for continued testing and training activities in support of military readiness and Department of Defense mission requirements as required by Title 10 to provide combat ready forces.

For more information or to submit comments online, visit <http://pmsr-eis.com>.

Naval Air Warfare Center
Weapons Division Range
Sustainability Office
Attention: EIS/OEIS
Project Manager
PMSR, Bldg. 53A, Code 52F00ME
575 I Ave., Suite 1
Point Mugu, CA 93042

Figure 7.2-2: Postcard Mailer for Scoping (Back)

7.2.1.3 Newspaper Advertisements

To announce the scoping period and scoping meetings, display advertisements were published in local and regional newspapers to advertise the public's opportunity to comment on the scope of the analysis. The advertisements included a description of the Proposed Action, location of the scoping meetings, the address of the project website, the duration of the comment period, and information on how to provide comments. The newspapers and publication dates are indicated in Table 7.2-2. An example of the advertisement is shown in Figure 7.2-3.

Table 7.2-2: Newspaper Publications of Scoping Meetings

Newspaper	Newspaper Coverage	Publication Dates
<i>Los Angeles Times</i>	Los Angeles County, CA	Friday, April 27, 2018 Saturday, April 28, 2018 Monday, April 30, 2018 Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Saturday, May 12, 2018 Monday, May 14, 2018 Tuesday, May 15, 2018
<i>Santa Barbara Independent</i>	Santa Barbara County, CA	Thursday, May 3, 2018 Thursday, May 10, 2018
<i>Santa Barbara News-Press</i>	Santa Barbara County, CA	Friday, April 27, 2018 Saturday, April 28, 2018 Monday, April 30, 2018 Wednesday, May 9, 2018 Monday, May 14, 2018 Tuesday, May 15, 2018 Wednesday, May 16, 2018
<i>San Luis Obispo Tribune</i>	San Luis Obispo County, CA	Friday, April 27, 2018 Saturday, April 28, 2018 Monday, April 30, 2018 Wednesday, May 9, 2018 Monday, May 14, 2018 Tuesday, May 15, 2018 Wednesday, May 16, 2018
<i>Ventura County Star</i>	Ventura County, CA	Friday, April 27, 2018 Saturday, April 28, 2018 Monday, April 30, 2018 Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Saturday, May 12, 2018 Monday, May 14, 2018 Tuesday, May 15, 2018
<i>Vida Newspaper</i> (Spanish language)	Ventura County, CA	Thursday, May 3, 2018 Thursday, May 10, 2018

The U.S. Navy
INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE
in the Point Mugu Sea Range
EIS/OEIS Scoping Process

The U.S. Navy is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Point Mugu Sea Range. The Navy proposes to continue conducting testing and training activities within the Study Area as analyzed in the 2002 Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS, as well as changes in activity frequency, new mission areas, and new platforms (such as aircraft and vessels).

Public Involvement

The Navy is requesting substantive input from the public on the scope of the analysis. Comments will be accepted at the scoping meetings, online at <http://pmsr-eis.com>, or by mail to:

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons
Division Range Sustainability Office
Attention: EIS/OEIS Project Manager
PMSR, Bldg. 53A, Code 52F00ME
575 I Ave., Suite 1
Point Mugu, CA 93042

Comments must be postmarked or received online by June 26, 2018, for consideration in the Draft EIS/OEIS.

Scoping Meetings: 5 to 8 p.m.

Ventura, CA
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
San Buenaventura City Hall
Community Meeting Room
501 Poli St.

Santa Barbara, CA
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Louise Lowry Davis Center
Larry Crandell Room
1232 De La Vina St.

Open house meetings include informational poster stations staffed by Navy representatives. The public may arrive at any time as there will not be a presentation or formal oral comment session.

For more information or to submit comments online, visit: <http://pmsr-eis.com>.

Figure 7.2-3: Newspaper Announcement of Scoping

7.2.1.4 Press Releases

Environmental Public Affairs Officer, Commander, Navy Region Southwest distributed a news release to local regional media outlets on April 27, 2018. A second news release correcting the public comment period information was redistributed on May 1, 2018, and a refresher press release followed on May 14, 2018. The press releases are shown in Figure 7.2-4, Figure 7.2-5, and Figure 7.2-6.

-----Original Message-----

From: Haase, Helen K CIV CNRSW, N00P

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 8:58 AM

To: 'LA Times'; 'VC Reporter'; 'Ventura Breeze'; 'KVTA'; 'Santa Barbara Independent'; 'Malibu News';
monica.white@vcstar.com; Andrea.howry@vcstar.com

Cc: Miller, Theresa C CIV NAVBASE Ventura County, N00 - PAO; BROWN, Kimberly E CIV NAVAIR,
750000E; Megliola, Lori K CIV NAVFAC SW, EV

Subject: PRESS RELEASE - Point Mugu Sea Range Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental
Impact Statement

Immediate Release - Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental
Impact Statement for Point Mugu Sea Range and to Announce Public Scoping Meetings

PRESS/MEDIA CONTACT: Command Navy Region Southwest - Public Affairs Office, Environmental Public
Affairs Specialist at 619-532-3496 or 619-532-1430.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as
implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508),
and Presidential Executive Order (EO) 12114, the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare an
Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Point Mugu Sea
Range. The Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS will include an assessment of potential environmental consequences
associated with continuing military activities analyzed in the 2002 Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS, plus an
increased tempo of military Research Development Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) and training activities at the
Point Mugu Sea Range, and new mission areas and platforms.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Two public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

- 1.) May 15, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., San Buenaventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA 93001-2697.
- 2.) May 16, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara, CA
93101-3119.

The 60-day public scoping period begins April 27, 2018 and ends June 26, 2018. All public comments are due by
June 26, 2018. Comments may be provided at public scoping meetings, by mail, and through the project website at:
<http://pmsr-eis.com>. Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than June 18, 2018 and mailed to the address
below for consideration in the Draft EIS/OEIS preparation. The DoN is requesting public comments on the scope of
the analysis, including potential environmental issues and viable alternatives to be considered during the
development of the Draft EIS/OEIS.

The scoping meetings will consist of an informal, open house session with informational poster stations staffed by
DoN representatives. Meeting details will be announced in local area newspapers. Additional information on the
public scoping meetings and comment submittal will be available on the project website at: <http://pmsr-eis.com>.

CONTACT INFORMATION (for public comments on the EIS/OEIS): Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons
Division Range Sustainability Office, Point Mugu Sea Range, Building 53A, Code 52F00ME, 575 I Avenue, Suite
1, Point Mugu, CA 93042-5049, Attn: EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 805-989-0927, or project website: <http://pmsr-eis.com>.

PRESS/MEDIA CONTACT: Command Navy Region Southwest - Public Affairs Office, Environmental Public
Affairs Specialist at 619-532-3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DoN's action proponent is Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons
Division (NAWCWD) Point Mugu Sea Range. NAWCWD Point Mugu Sea Range is located offshore of Ventura
County in Southern California and includes 36,000 square miles of controlled sea and airspace designated for testing
and training activities. The NAWCWD Point Mugu Sea Range meets the established mission to conduct state-of-
the-art weapons systems testing and evaluation, and maintain military operational readiness, by providing a safe,
operationally realistic, and thoroughly instrumented sea range testing environment. The evolution of international
threats and operational technologies require large areas for testing and training.

Figure 7.2-4: Command, Navy Region Southwest Press Release

As part of this process, the DoN will seek the issuance of regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 1501.6, the DoN will invite the National Marine Fisheries Service to be a cooperating agency in preparation of the EIS/OEIS.

The Proposed Action is to accommodate an increase in the tempo of military RDT&E and training activities within the Point Mugu Sea Range Study Area. Proposed testing and training activities are similar to those that have occurred in the Study Area for decades. The proposed tempo is higher than the tempo covered in the 2002 Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide modern instrumented airspace and sea space, maneuver areas, testing and training areas, and range infrastructure to fully support current, emerging, and future RDT&E and Fleet testing and training requirements, and ensure long-term viability of the Point Mugu Sea Range while protecting human health and the environment.

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Figure 7.2-4: Command, Navy Region Southwest Press Release (continued)

-----Original Message-----

From: Haase, Helen K CIV CNRSW, N00P

Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 8:52 AM

Subject: CORRECTION TO PRESS RELEASE FROM FRIDAY, April 27, 2018

CORRECTION TO PRESS RELEASE FROM FRIDAY, April 27, 2018. - Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than June 26, 2018 and mailed to the address below for consideration in the Draft EIS/OEIS preparation. The 60-day public scoping period begins April 27, 2018 and ends June 26, 2018. All public comments are due by June 26, 2018. Comments may be provided at public scoping meetings, by mail, and through the project website at: <http://pmsr-eis.com>. The DoN is requesting public comments on the scope of the analysis, including potential environmental issues and viable alternatives to be considered during the development of the Draft EIS/OEIS.

All other information remain the same - please see below for reference.

###Immediate Release - Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Point Mugu Sea Range and to Announce Public Scoping Meetings

PRESS/MEDIA CONTACT: Command Navy Region Southwest - Public Affairs Office, Environmental Public Affairs Specialist at 619-532-3496 or 619-532-1430.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and Presidential Executive Order (EO) 12114, the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Point Mugu Sea Range. The Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS will include an assessment of potential environmental consequences associated with continuing military activities analyzed in the 2002 Point Mugu Sea Range EIS/OEIS, plus an increased tempo of military Research Development Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) and training activities at the Point Mugu Sea Range, and new mission areas and platforms.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Two public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

- 1.) May 15, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., San Buenaventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA 93001-2697.
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The 60-day public scoping period begins April 27, 2018 and ends June 26, 2018. All public comments are due by

Figure 7.2-5: Command, Navy Region Southwest Correction Press Release

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The scoping meetings will consist of an informal, open house session with informational poster stations staffed by DoN representatives. Meeting details will be announced in local area newspapers. Additional information on the public scoping meetings and comment submittal will be available on the project website at: <http://pmsr-eis.com>.

CONTACT INFORMATION (for public comments on the EIS/OEIS): Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Range Sustainability Office, Point Mugu Sea Range, Building 53A, Code 52F00ME, 575 I Avenue, Suite 1, Point Mugu, CA 93042-5049, Attn: EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 805-989-0927, or project website: <http://pmsr-eis.com>.

PRESS/MEDIA CONTACT: Command Navy Region Southwest - Public Affairs Office, Environmental Public Affairs Specialist at 619-532-3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DoN's action proponent is Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) Point Mugu Sea Range. NAWCWD Point Mugu Sea Range is located offshore of Ventura County in Southern California and includes 36,000 square miles of controlled sea and airspace designated for testing and training activities. The NAWCWD Point Mugu Sea Range meets the established mission to conduct state-of-the-art weapons systems testing and evaluation, and maintain military operational readiness, by providing a safe, operationally realistic, and thoroughly instrumented sea range testing environment. The evolution of international threats and operational technologies require large areas for testing and training.

As part of this process, the DoN will seek the issuance of regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 1501.6, the DoN will invite the National Marine Fisheries Service to be a cooperating agency in preparation of the EIS/OEIS.

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Figure 7.2-5: Command, Navy Region Southwest Correction Press Release (continued)

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Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 1:15 PM
Subject: PRESS RELEASE REFRESHER

"Immediate Release - Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Point Mugu Sea Range and to Announce Public Scoping Meetings

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Figure 7.2-6: Command, Navy Region Southwest Press Release Refresher

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Figure 7.2-6: Command, Navy Region Southwest Press Release Refresher (continued)

7.2.2 Public Scoping Meetings

The Navy held two scoping meetings on May 15, 2018, and May 16, 2018, at the locations listed in Table 7.2-3. Each scoping meeting included informational poster stations and a video station staffed by Navy representatives. Members of the public could arrive at any time during the event, and each meeting was three hours in duration. Staff at the welcome station greeted guests and encouraged meeting attendees to sign in and be added to the project mailing list. A fact sheet handout, scoping meeting schedule and room layout handout, and comment form were provided to attendees, along with verbal direction on the general flow of the poster stations and commenting methods.

7.2.2.1 Meetings Summary

Table 7.2-3 summarizes the scoping meetings held on May 15, 2018, in Ventura, CA, and May 16, 2018, in Santa Barbara, CA. In total, 12 people attended the two scoping meetings. In general, the meeting discussions were productive. Topics informally discussed at the scoping meetings are intended to illustrate the main issues heard. It is not the intent to capture all aspects of the feedback or to serve as a legal record.

Table 7.2-3: Summary of Scoping Meetings

Site/Date	Attendance	Comment Letters
San Buenaventura City Hall Community Meeting Room Ventura, CA Tuesday, May 15, 2018	9	0
Media Attendance: Not Applicable		
Topics Discussed: - Appreciation for the information provided - Question about information included in a Naval Air Systems Command video regarding an expansion of 120,000 square miles - Recommendation to publish newspaper advertisements in the <i>Ventura County Reporter</i> - Request for clarification regarding the W-291 area depicted on the Study Area map (which is a range that is part of another Navy study)		
Attendees: - Staff representative for Congresswoman Julia Brownley - Staff representative for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement office - Staff representative for the Ventura Water office - Staff representative for the Navy - Concerned individuals		
Louise Lowry Davis Center Larry Crandell Room Santa Barbara, CA Wednesday, May 16, 2018	3	0
Media Attendance: Not Applicable		
Topics Discussed: Appreciation for the information provided		
Attendees: Concerned individuals		

7.2.3 Public Scoping Comments

Scoping comments were submitted in two ways:

- Comments submitted during the public meetings
- Written letters (received any time during the public comment period)
- Comments submitted directly on the project website (received any time during the public comment period)

The public comment period ran from April 27, 2018, to June 26, 2018. Throughout the public comment period, a total of 12 comment letters were received. Comment letters were submitted via the project website's electronic comment form (4), postal mail (5), and email (3). No written comments were submitted at the scoping meetings. A brief summary of concerns follows.

7.2.3.1 Testing and Training Activities

- Request for more information on the numbers and types of munitions proposed by location

7.2.3.2 Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Analysis

- Recommendation that impact discussions focus on impacts on the specific resources affected in the testing and training areas, and avoid methodologies that average impacts over large ocean areas
- Request for the Navy to analyze the adverse impacts on foraging areas; pupping, nesting, spawning, and rearing grounds; species migrations; noise; lighting; and other environmental impacts as a result of testing and training activities

7.2.3.3 Sediments and Water Quality

- Concern about whether the proposed changes would result in an increase in groundwater demand as a result of additional support staff, support services personnel, and equipment or facility water demand
- Request that the Navy address potential increases in groundwater demand in the Draft EIS/OEIS
- Request that the Navy identify hazardous materials present in testing and training equipment/materials, and address their release into the environment during Navy activities
- Request for the Navy to identify whether testing and training areas currently contain hazardous materials or are contaminated with hazardous wastes
- Request that the Navy evaluate the potential for underwater detonations to resuspend contaminants in the water column or make previously buried contamination resurface
- Concerns about water turbidity, pollution, and ocean debris

7.2.3.4 Air Quality

- Request that the Navy evaluate all potential short-term and long-term air quality impacts that may result from the project
- Request that the Navy consider reactive organic compounds, nitrogen oxide emissions, and particulate matter from all proposed sea range operations (e.g., aircrafts, vessels), as well as any potential stationary source emissions located in Ventura County Air Pollution Control District

- Request that the Navy evaluate the impact of air pollutant emissions from proposed operations occurring within and outside the U.S. territorial sea
- Request that the Navy analyze any stationary engines and equipment that may be subject to permitting requirements

7.2.3.5 Marine Species

- Concern about the potential impacts on marine species, sea turtles, and sea birds, including disruptions to feeding and breeding and impacts on state-listed species, fully protected species, and species of special concern
- Concern about marine species entanglement from training materials not recovered
- Concerns about the impacts testing and training will have on marine species habitat
- Concern about impacts on Marine Protected Areas and sanctuaries
- Request to avoid nesting/foraging grounds for sea birds and pupping grounds for marine species

7.2.3.6 Mitigation

- Request for more detail on current monitoring efforts
- Request for more detailed information on the established protective measures at sea and at San Nicolas Island
- Request for a comprehensive species and habitat protection plan, including monitoring and reporting, to avoid, minimize, and mitigate unavoidable impacts from testing and training

7.2.3.7 Fishes

- Request to establish a long-term communication channel between the Navy and California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations
- Request for advanced notification to avoid any potential disruptions to planned oceanographic and biological surveys
- Concern about impacts on the numerous fish species located in the coastal nearshore and offshore areas of the Southern California Bight
- Concern about unintentional impacts on the recreational and commercial fishing industries

7.2.3.8 Public Health and Safety

- General concern about the Navy polluting the land and sea and how that pollution impacts people and animals

7.2.3.9 Cultural Resources and Historic Properties

- General concerns for the impacts on historic and cultural resources, including historic properties
- General concerns about how found items of significant cultural value could be disturbed or destroyed

- Request for the Navy to contact tribes within the project area to ensure any impacts on culturally significant resources would be handled in accordance with the customs and traditions of each tribe
- Request to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

7.2.3.10 Cumulative Impacts

- Request for the Navy to consider other Navy activities, such as the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing, the Silver Strand Training Complex, and Northwest Training and Testing, as well as other coastal and at-sea activities, including shipping, energy development, and aquaculture
- Request for the Navy to consider cumulative noise impacts to the ocean environment

7.2.3.11 Other

- Recommend review of abandoned oil and gas well locations on three Channel Islands (San Miguel, Santa Rosa, and Santa Cruz) and their surrounding state waters prior to conducting Navy activities
- Recommend contacting the permitting agency, property owner, or developer to avoid any issues associated with development near oil and gas wells
- Request for notification if oil and gas wells are inadvertently discovered during Navy activities
- Request completion of a comprehensive survey assessment and analysis of the flora and fauna located within the Study Area

7.3 Notification of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The Draft EIS/OEIS public review and comment period will begin with the publication of the Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/OEIS that includes an overview of the Proposed Action and its purpose and need, public commenting information, and where to access the Draft EIS/OEIS. Comments will be accepted by mail and through the project website at www.pmsr-eis.com.

7.3.1 Notification of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The Navy will make efforts to facilitate maximum public participation during the Draft EIS/OEIS public review and comment period. A summary of these efforts follows.

7.3.1.1 Notification Letters

Tribal notification letters along with a fact sheet booklet will be distributed before the release of the Draft EIS/OEIS to appropriate tribal chairpersons, founders, presidents, executive directors, and administrators of federally recognized tribes and non-federally recognized tribes, and to tribal groups who have an interest in the Study Area. Stakeholder letters along with a fact sheet booklet will be mailed before the release of the Draft EIS/OEIS to interested federal, state, and local government agencies and elected officials.

7.3.1.2 Postcards

Postcards will be mailed to recipients on the project mailing list, including individuals; nongovernmental organizations; community and business groups; fishing, aviation, and recreation groups; researchers and universities; and private companies. The postcards will include the website address, public email and voicemail information, commenting information, and a brief summary of the Proposed Action.

7.3.1.3 Press Release

A press release to announce the availability of the Draft EIS/OEIS will be distributed to local and regional media. The press release will provide a description of the Proposed Action, project website, public email and voicemail information, duration of the comment period and commenting methods, and information repositories.

7.3.1.4 Newspaper Advertisements

To announce the availability of the Draft EIS/OEIS, advertisements will be placed in area newspapers as shown in Table 7.3-1. The advertisements will include a description of the Proposed Action, the project website, public email and voicemail information, the duration of the comment period, and information on how to provide comments.

Table 7.3-1: Newspaper Announcements of the Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

Newspaper	Newspaper Coverage
<i>Los Angeles Times</i>	Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, CA
<i>Santa Barbara Independent</i>	Santa Barbara County, CA
<i>Santa Barbara News-Press</i>	Santa Barbara County, CA
<i>San Luis Obispo Tribune</i>	San Luis Obispo County, CA
<i>Ventura County Star</i>	Ventura County, CA
<i>Vida Newspaper (Spanish language)</i>	Ventura County, CA

7.3.2 Public Meetings

Due to the current federal and state guidance on social distancing in response to COVID-19, the Navy will not hold in-person public meetings as planned in May 2020. In lieu of public meetings, the Navy set up a project email address and phone voicemail system to allow for verbal and written questions. The public will be able to submit comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS through previously established channels (website and mail).

7.3.3 Public Email and Voicemail System

Due to the current federal and state guidance on social distancing in response to COVID-19, the Navy established a project email address and voicemail system, in lieu of public meetings, to allow for verbal and written questions during the Draft EIS/OEIS public review and comment period.

7.4 Distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The Draft EIS/OEIS will be made available on the project website (www.pmsr-eis.com). Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS will be available for public review at information repositories listed in Section 7.4.2

(Information Repositories), depending on COVID-19 conditions regulating access to public facilities. The public is encouraged to check with the library regarding its hours of operation and the availability of the document.

7.4.1 Federal Agencies

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regional offices will receive electronic versions of the Draft EIS/OEIS. The National Marine Fisheries Service headquarters office will receive a CD-ROM copy of the Draft EIS/OEIS. Chairpersons of federally recognized tribes invited to participate in government-to-government consultation will receive a CD-ROM copy of the Draft EIS/OEIS.

7.4.2 Information Repositories

The Draft EIS/OEIS will be mailed in hard copy form, along with a CD-ROM, to the information repository locations shown in Table 7.4-1. The public is encouraged to check with the library regarding its hours of operation and the availability of the document.

Table 7.4-1: Information Repositories

Repository Name	Physical Address	Phone
Camarillo Public Library	4101 Las Posas Road Camarillo, CA 93010	805-388-5222
Carpinteria Branch Library	5141 Carpinteria Avenue Carpinteria, CA 93013	805-684-4314
E.P. Foster Library	651 E. Main Street Ventura, CA 93001	805-648-2716
San Luis Obispo Library	995 Palm Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401	805-781-5783
Santa Barbara Public Library	40 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101	805-564-5608
South Oxnard Branch Library	4300 Saviers Road Oxnard, CA 93033	805-385-8129
Oxnard Downtown Main Library	251 S. A Street Oxnard, CA 93030	805-385-7500

7.5 Notification of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

7.5.1 Notification of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The Final EIS/OEIS public review and 30-day wait period will begin with the publication of the Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*. The intent of public involvement efforts during the Final EIS/OEIS phase of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is to notify federally recognized tribes, stakeholders, and the public of the availability of the document, the 30-day wait period, and the next steps in the NEPA process.

7.5.1.1 Notification Letters

Tribal notification letters will be distributed before the release of the Final EIS/OEIS to appropriate tribal chairpersons, founders, presidents, executive directors, and administrators of federally recognized tribes and non-federally recognized tribes, and to tribal groups who have an interest in the Study Area. Stakeholder letters will be mailed before the release of the Final EIS/OEIS to interested federal, state, and local government agencies and elected officials.

7.5.1.2 Postcards

Postcards will be mailed to recipients on the project mailing list, including individuals; nongovernmental organizations; community and business groups; fishing, aviation, and recreation groups; researchers and universities; and private companies.

7.5.1.3 Press Release

A press release to announce the availability of the Final EIS/OEIS will be distributed to local and regional media.

7.5.1.4 Newspaper Advertisements

Advertisements will be placed in the area newspapers listed in Table 7.3-1 to announce the availability of the Final EIS/OEIS.

7.6 Distribution of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The Final EIS/OEIS will be made available on the project website (www.pmsr-eis.com) and at the information repositories listed in Section 7.4.2 (Information Repositories).

7.6.1 Federal Agencies

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regional offices will receive electronic versions of the Final EIS/OEIS. The National Marine Fisheries Service headquarters office will receive a CD-ROM copy of the Final EIS/OEIS.

7.6.2 Information Repositories

The Final EIS/OEIS will be mailed in hard copy form, along with a CD-ROM, to the information repository locations listed in Table 7.4-1.

7.7 Notification of Availability of the Record of Decision

7.7.1 Notification of the Record of Decision

The Record of Decision phase of the NEPA process follows the Final EIS/OEIS 30-day wait period and includes selection of an alternative by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment).

A Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision will be published in the *Federal Register*. The intent of public involvement efforts during this phase of the NEPA process is to notify federally recognized tribes, stakeholders, and the public of the availability of the Record of Decision and where it can be accessed, and the Navy's decision to implement or not implement the Proposed Action or selected alternative.

7.7.1.1 Postcards

Postcards will be mailed to recipients on the project mailing list, including individuals; nongovernmental organizations; community and business groups; fishing, aviation, and recreation groups; researchers and universities; and private companies.

7.7.1.2 Press Release

A press release to announce the availability of the Record of Decision will be distributed to local and regional media.

7.7.1.3 Newspaper Advertisements

Advertisements will be placed in the area newspapers listed in Table 7.3-1 to announce the availability of the Record of Decision.

7.8 Distribution of the Record of Decision

The Record of Decision will be made available on the project website (www.pmsr-eis.com) and at the information repositories listed in Section 7.4.2 (Information Repositories).

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