

continue as discussed under Alternative 1.

This alternative would maintain the historic integrity of 15 of the 56 contributing elements of the historic district. The remaining buildings and structures would be incorporated into the Fort Bragg training program after mitigating for the loss of historical integrity by fulfilling all requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Fort Bragg Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP) and Army Regulation (AR) 200-4, Cultural Resources Management.

Alternative 3. Intermediate training, additional recreation, and adaptive reuse and/or layaway of selected contributing elements within the District. Under this alternative, the level of activity on the Overhills would be increased to accommodate battalion-sized units (approximately 1,000 personnel), plus support personnel. Training would occur in accordance with the IRR. There are 40 battalions at Fort Bragg. Battalion-size field exercises typically use 75 or fewer vehicles per exercise, including support vehicles. Each battalion holds one or two 3-day field exercises per year. Movement between NTA units I-IV and Overhills (NTA V-VIII) would be fluid with no training restrictions other than the number of personnel permitted on the Overhills. Additional recreation would consist of the youth golf and horse stables programs described for Alternative 2. Hunting and fishing would continue to be permitted, as discussed in Alternative 1. This alternative would treat the District as discussed under Alternative 2.

Alternative 4. (Preferred Alternative)—Maximum training, existing recreation, and no preservation of the District. Under this alternative, the level of training would be increased to accommodate brigade-sized units (up to approximately 5,000 personnel); the Overhills would be fully incorporated into the installation's training program, and used in the same manner as the other training areas on Fort Bragg. Units up to, and including brigade size, would train in accordance with the IRR. Hunting and fishing would continue as discussed under Alternative 1. No additional recreational use of the Overhills would occur under maximum training due to the need for maneuver frontage and flexibility.

After mitigating for the loss of historical integrity by fulfillment of all legal requirements under the NHPA, the Fort Bragg ICRMP, and AR 200-4, the 56 contributing elements would be integrated into the training program. All contributing and non-contributing

elements as well as standing structures determined not eligible for the NRHP would be evaluated for use in training exercises. The buildings that could be incorporated into the training program would remain; the non-essential buildings and structures would be demolished.

The Overhills FEIS provides an analysis of both the beneficial and adverse environmental impacts of the different use alternatives for the Overhills, and analyzes quantitatively and qualitatively the potential environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives. The resource areas discussed and evaluated are: Soils, surface waters, groundwater, wetlands, vegetation, wildlife, protected species, hazardous materials/waste management, solid waste management, air quality, noise, safety, land use, demographics and economy, recreation, archaeological resources, and the historic district. The FEIS indicates that Alternative 1 (No Action) has the fewest potential impacts because no new training types would be added, and all of the historic buildings and structures would be preserved. Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 would have some potential adverse impacts to several of the analyzed resources; however, mitigations to reduce those impacts are identified in the FEIS.

Minimal comments were received during the 45-day DEIS comment period and changes made to the document were exclusively clarifications and minor factual changes. Therefore, in accordance with 32 CFR 651.45(h), only the DEIS comments, responses to the comments and the errata sheet are being circulated. Copies of the comments, responses and the errata sheet are available for review at major libraries in the study area. A copy of the DEIS, comments and responses, and the errata sheet may be viewed at: http://www.bragg.army.mil/envbr/nepa_review.htm.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program Subcommittee

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 2), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program Subcommittee.

Dates of Meeting: January 24-25, 2006.

Location: Radisson Hotel Hampton, 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

Time: 0800-1700 hours, January 24, 2006; 0800-1030 hours, January 25, 2006.

Proposed Agenda: Review and discuss the Junior and Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs; incentive-based scholarships initiatives; academic accreditation agencies and procedures; curriculum review, revision and validation; and the growth of Military Science and Leadership as a college minor.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Article of Footwear With Temperature Regulation Means

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 6,981,339 entitled "Article of Footwear with Temperature Regulation Means" issued January 3, 2006. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

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