ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

INTEGRATED CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2004-2008
JOINT READINESS TRAINING CENTER & FORT POLK, LOUISIANA

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FNSI)

INTEGRATED CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Findings and conclusions reached in this document are based on a thorough review of the impacts and analysis considered and disclosed in the *Environmental Assessment for Implementation of the Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan, 2004-2008, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, Louisiana* (EA). The EA, including its data analysis and conclusions, are incorporated in this FNSI by reference.

2. **Proposed Action:** The Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Fort Polk, Louisiana is proposing to implement its Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) during 2004-2008. The ICRMP is the implementing document for the JRTC and Fort Polk cultural resources management program. It applies to cultural resources management on Fort Polk and on portions of the U.S. Forest Service Limited Use Area potentially affected by JRTC and Fort Polk mission activities. The overall strategic goal of the ICRMP is to conserve and protect resources of significance to American history or prehistory or of cultural significance to Native Americans or other cultural groups.

3. **Alternatives Considered:** In addition to the proposed action, the No Action alternative, which continues current management of cultural resources, was fully considered in the EA. The No Action alternative does not meet the purpose of cultural resources management on Fort Polk as well as the proposed action.

4. **Environmental Consequences:** Potential impacts to the natural and cultural environment were considered and analyzed for the proposed action and the No Action alternative. Based on this analysis, no significant effects to the environment would be expected under the proposed action or the No Action alternative.

5. **Conclusions:** I have carefully reviewed the attached EA, the proposed action and its alternatives, and the environmental consequences of each. Based on this review, I have determined that the proposed action would have no significant impact on the environment.

6. **Decision:** In light of the preceding conclusions, I have decided to implement the proposed action. This will allow implementation of the ICRMP to conserve cultural resources, support the military mission, and comply with federal and state laws and regulations.

7. **Public Comment:** Additional information regarding this decision may be obtained by contacting the JRTC and Fort Polk Public Affairs Office as listed below.

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