

HEADQUARTERS, JOINT READINESS TRAINING CENTER AND FORT POLK

Final FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FNSI)

FORT POLK GROWTH AND MASTER PLAN AT FORT POLK LOUISIANA

1. The 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 (EA) attached to this document. The EA, including its data, analysis, and conclusions, are incorporated in this FNSI by reference.
2. **PROPOSED ACTION:** The Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk propose to implement actions at Fort Polk that are required to support Grow The Army (GTA), Army Campaign Plan and realignment decisions of the Army by changing current land use categories to allow for development at Fort Polk to maximize the Installation's capability and flexibility to readily support stationing actions to meet the Army's mission in a timely manner.
3. **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** To address the purpose and need, Fort Polk has considered and analyzed five alternatives in the EA:

ALTERNATIVE 1- This alternative would allow for development of up to 60 acres in the study area to support the stationing of a modular support Brigade unit. This action would support GTA growth, transformation and force structure actions. This alternative would support approximately 1,200 Soldiers at Fort Polk.

ALTERNATIVE 2- This alternative would allow for development of up to 80 acres in the study area to support Alternative 1 and increases in units stationed at Fort Polk associated with Mission Expansion activities. This action would support GTA growth, transformation and force structure actions. This alternative would support approximately 2,500-3,000 Soldiers at Fort Polk.

ALTERNATIVE 3- This alternative would allow for development of up to 120 acres in the study area to support Alternative 2 and actions needed to support the realignment of a Multi-functional Support Brigade unit stationed at Fort Polk. This action would support GTA growth, transformation and force structure actions. This alternative would support approximately 5,000-5,500 Soldiers.

ALTERNATIVE 4- This alternative would allow for development of up to 160 acres in the study area to support Alternative 3 and actions needed to support a medium Combat Aviation Brigade unit stationed at Fort Polk. This action would support GTA growth, transformation and force structure actions. This alternative would support approximately 5,500-6,000 Soldiers.

NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE - Consideration of the No Action Alternative is mandated in the CEQ 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and Environmental Analysis of Army Actions 32 CFR Part 651.34. The no action serves as a baseline or reference point against which the potential effects of the proposed action and other alternatives are evaluated.

4. **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES:** Potential impacts to the natural and human environment were considered and analyzed for the proposed action and alternatives. Based upon the analysis of baseline conditions; proposed activities; potential environmental effects; continued environmental stewardship, no significant adverse effects to the environment would be expected to occur under the implementation of any one of the alternatives.
5. **CONCLUSIONS:** I have carefully reviewed the attached EA and the potential environmental consequences of each of the alternative actions. Based on this review, I have determined that Alternative 4 will have no significant impact on the environment.
6. **DECISION:** In light of the preceding conclusions, I have decided to implement Alternative 4. This will allow for the development of up to 160⁺ acres to support GTA growth, transformation and force structure actions at Fort Polk as described in the EA.
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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