

NOTICE OF DECISION

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINAL FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE ON THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE CALCASIEU RANGER DISTRICT AND FORT POLK, LOUISIANA

The Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) entitled Construction and Operation of a Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range (MPMG) on the Calcasieu Ranger District.

Based on a thorough review of the EA, comments received during the public scoping period and the 30-day public review period, the Calcasieu Ranger, Lisa W. Lewis, has decided to implement Alternative 2, construction and operation of a MPMG Range on existing Range 2A. After considering the environmental effects described in the EA, it was determined that this action, individually or cumulatively, will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment thus a Finding of No Significant Impact was signed on August 11, 2011.

This decision is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.12 (e)(1). No substantive comments expressing concerns or supportive comments were received during the comment period for the proposed action analyzed and documented in the EA.

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