

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**  
**Fort Polk**  
**Expansion of R-3803 Restricted Area Complex Environmental Assessment**

The Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk are seeking public input to help determine the appropriate scope of its Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will evaluate potential impacts associated with the proposal for expansion of Restricted Area (RA) airspace.

The U.S. Army has proposed that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) expand the R-3803 RA complex airspace over recently acquired land at Fort Polk, Louisiana. The expanded RA would enhance the utilization of current ranges for larger weapon systems with higher trajectories. The EA will consider four proposed action alternatives which involve reclassification of portions of the Warrior 1 Military Operations Area (MOA) as RA to support future ground to air training requirements. In addition, the EA will also analyze a No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, no new restricted area would be established. Although Fort Polk is not ready to develop infrastructure on the new training lands, training activities were addressed at a programmatic level in previous environmental studies. Future training activities would be analyzed in project-specific analyses once proposed locations and details are further developed.

The Army encourages all federal, state, local agencies, federally recognized tribes, local residents, and other interested organizations or individuals to participate in the scoping process in order to aid the Army and FAA in identifying and evaluating potential issues and concerns regarding the proposed project. The scoping process will include one public scoping meeting which is an opportunity for the public to receive information about the proposed action and alternatives and to assist the Army in determining issues related to the expansion of RA to be addressed in the EA. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Leesville City Airport (424 Airport Road Leesville, LA 71446).

The public will also be invited to review and comment on the Draft EA when it is available for review. Comments from the public will be considered before any decision is made regarding implementing the proposed action.

Those unable to attend the public scoping meeting can submit written comments regarding the proposed project no later than 21 December 2015. Public comments received after this date may not be included or addressed in the EA. Please address questions or comments to: Public Affairs Office, 7033 Magnolia Drive, Building 4919, Fort Polk, LA 71459-5342; phone: (337) 531-7203; email: [usarmy.polk.imcom.mbx.pao-public-response@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.polk.imcom.mbx.pao-public-response@mail.mil).

Additional information on the EA for expansion of RA R-3803-A at the JRTC and Fort Polk, Louisiana will be available on the JRTC and Fort Polk web site at [http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/environmental\\_compliance/NEPA.html](http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/environmental_compliance/NEPA.html).