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***Fort Polk will consider a variety of alternatives
regarding disposition of trespass horses***

Fort Polk, LA – Fort Polk hopes to receive specific comments from interested citizens on potential alternative actions and issues in regard to the disposition of trespass horses on the installation.

A public comment period continues through May 15 as part of an Environmental Assessment (EA) pertaining to trespass horses at Fort Polk. As part of the EA process, Fort Polk will consider a variety of alternative actions in regard to the horses including a “no action” alternative.

No decision on any action regarding the horses, or the disposition of the horses, will be made until after completion of the EA and careful consideration of issues of concern and reasonable alternative actions identified by the public, appropriate government agencies, and subject matter experts.

Two public meetings are also scheduled to facilitate public comment on the issue.

Public meetings will be held in Leesville, LA and Baton Rouge, LA to receive public input on issues of concern and alternative courses of action. The Leesville meeting will be held from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 in the Landmark Hotel, 3080 Colony Blvd. The Baton Rouge meeting will be held from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, April 15 in the AmeriSuites Hotel, 6080 Bluebonnet Blvd. These meetings will be conducted in an “open house” type forum at which information booths will be established and public comment forms made available. The public can come and go at their convenience during the three-hour timeframe of the meetings.

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Throughout the analysis and decision-making process, a high priority will be given to the safe, responsible, and humane treatment of the horses.

The Army encourages public input on this issue as well as the participation of animal welfare groups and other subject matter experts in developing an appropriate course of action in regard to this issue. To aid the Army in identifying and evaluating issues and concerns, comments should be as specific as possible. Please submit comments to the address shown below no later than May 15 so your comments and ideas can be addressed in the EA.

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