

FINAL FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
PROPOSED INSTALLATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECTS
CREECH AIR FORCE BASE, NEVADA

Pursuant to provisions of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA), as amended by the *Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023* (FRA) (Public Law 118-5) and the United States (US) Department of Defense’s (DoD) NEPA implementing procedures issued 30 June 2025, to the extent they are consistent with NEPA as revised by the FRA, the US Department of the Air Force (DAF) prepared the attached Environment Assessment (EA) to address the potential environmental impacts on the human environment, including the natural environment, associated with proposed Installation Development Plan (IDP) projects at Creech Air Force Base (AFB), Clark County, Nevada.

As described in greater detail below, the Proposed Action would involve 36 short-term IDP projects that would occur over the five-year period from approximately fiscal year (FY) 2026 to FY 2031.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to support Creech AFB’s current and future mission of remotely piloted aircraft employment and Aircrew training. The Proposed Action would ensure the continued operational abilities of Creech AFB through the development of facilities and infrastructure supporting the training and flight programs.

The Proposed Action is needed to address deficiencies and degradation of the support facilities at Creech AFB. Left unchecked, deficiencies in facilities and infrastructure would degrade the Installation’s ability to meet the DAF’s current and future needs. Demolition of aging facilities, new facility construction, facility upgrades, facility repair and renovation, utilities upgrades, community facility upgrades, infrastructure improvement, recreational upgrades, natural infrastructure management projects, and strategic sustainability performance projects are all needed to continue to meet the mission requirements of the 432d Wing and 432d Air Expeditionary Wing at Creech AFB.

Individual purpose and need statements for each of the 36 projects proposed are included in **Appendix E** of the EA, which is incorporated herein by reference. The 36 projects are defined as either construction, infrastructure, or demolition projects. Of the 36 projects, there are 27 construction projects, 5 infrastructure projects, and 4 demolition projects.

Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Proposed Action would incorporate the planning considerations addressed in Creech AFB planning documents. For example, the Proposed Action would adhere to project-specific development standards, including land use constraints for siting the new facilities, and regulate design parameters such as height, scale, and orientation.

Alternative 1

Creech AFB proposes to implement 36 short-term development projects, including demolition of aging facilities, new facility construction, facility upgrades, facility repair and renovation, utilities upgrades, community facility upgrades, infrastructure improvement, recreational upgrades, natural infrastructure management projects, and strategic sustainability performance projects to be completed or implemented over approximately five years (FY 2026–2031). The projects would occur in multiple planning districts throughout Creech AFB.

Alternative 2

Under Alternative 2, all projects would be the same as under Alternative 1 with the exception of Project C11, which would be constructed on **Site B** within the Community Support District.

Alternative 3

Under Alternative 3, all projects would be the same as under Alternative 1 with the exception of Project C11, which would be constructed on **Site C** within the Community Support District.

No Action Alternative

Under the No Action Alternative, the DAF would not implement the proposed Installation development projects and Creech AFB would continue to operate under current conditions. The facility and infrastructure assets of Creech AFB would continue to degrade. Infrastructure would not be maintained or improved to support the growing mission requirements. In the short term, military training and operations would continue at Creech AFB in accordance with the status quo. Over time, the mission support capabilities of the Installation would diminish along with its ability to support the future missions and requirements of the 432d Wing and 432d Air Expeditionary Wing.

Summary of Findings

Potentially affected environmental resources were identified through communications with state and federal agencies and review of environmental documentation. The attached EA analyzes potential environmental consequences of the following resource areas: land use, earth resources, air quality, water resources, biological/natural resources, cultural resources, infrastructure/utilities (including transportation), noise/acoustic environment, hazardous materials and waste, safety and occupational health, and socioeconomics.

Land Use

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be no change to the current land use at Creech AFB. All projects are compatible and consistent with existing and future Installation land use planning guidance as identified in the Installation IDP and Area Development Plan. Implementation of **Alternatives 2** and **3** would be compatible and consistent with existing and future Installation land use planning guidance.

Earth Resources

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be no impacts to geology; short-term, negligible, adverse impacts to topography; and short-term, moderate, adverse impacts to soils. Implementation of **Alternatives 2** and **3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Air Quality

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be short-term, minor, adverse impacts to air quality. Short-term emissions resulting from construction would remain below the applicable thresholds for air quality standards. Implementation of **Alternatives 2** and **3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Water Resources

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be both long-term and short-term, minor, adverse impacts to surface water during construction activities; long-term, minor, adverse impacts to stormwater as a result of increased impervious surface; long-term, negligible, adverse impacts to floodplains; and no impacts to groundwater or wetlands. Implementation of **Alternatives 2** and **3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Biological/Natural Resources

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be long-term, negligible, adverse impacts to vegetation; short-term, negligible impacts to wildlife; short-term, minor impacts to invasive species; and “no effect” to threatened, endangered, and other protected species. Implementation of **Alternatives 2 and 3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) does not consult on determinations of “no effect.” As such, no USFWS concurrence was required.

Cultural Resources

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be long-term, minor impacts, both adverse and beneficial, to architectural properties. There would be no impacts to archaeological properties or Traditional Cultural Properties. On 20 October 2025, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) issued a determination that the DAF has no further Section 106 responsibilities for this undertaking. This determination fulfills the requirements for Section 106 consultation associated with the determinations made in **Section 3.9** of the attached EA. Relevant correspondence with the SHPO and federally recognized Native American tribes is included in **Appendix A** of the EA. Should there be an unanticipated discovery of an archaeological resource, Creech AFB would suspend construction activities and initiate the unanticipated discoveries procedures outlined in the Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan. Implementation of **Alternatives 2 and 3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Infrastructure/Utilities (including Transportation)

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be long-term, beneficial impacts to transportation, electricity, potable water, and communications systems; short-term, negligible impacts to the sanitary sewer/wastewater system; and short-term, moderate, adverse impacts to solid waste management. There are no natural gas systems within the region of influence; therefore, there would be no related impacts. Implementation of **Alternatives 2 and 3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Noise/Acoustic Environment

Under **Alternative 1**, noise levels would not exceed current levels and there would be no impacts to noise-sensitive receptors; therefore, there would be no impacts to noise. Implementation of **Alternatives 2 and 3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Hazardous Materials and Waste

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be short-term, minor, adverse impacts to hazardous materials and wastes; no impacts to fuel storage, radon, or Environmental Restoration Program sites; short-term, minor, adverse impacts from pesticide usage; and short-term, moderate, adverse impacts to aqueous film forming foam sites. Implementation of **Alternatives 2 and 3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Safety and Occupational Health

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be long-term, minor, beneficial impacts to ground and construction safety and long-term, moderate, beneficial impacts related to flight safety, explosives safety, and bird and wildlife aircraft strike hazards. Implementation of **Alternatives 2 and 3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Socioeconomics

Under **Alternative 1**, there would be short-term, minor, beneficial impacts to socioeconomics. Implementation of **Alternatives 2 and 3** would be anticipated to have the same impacts as **Alternative 1**.

Reasonably Foreseeable Actions and Impacts

The EA considered reasonably foreseeable effects, which are effects on the environment that result from the Proposed Action when combined with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions near Creech AFB, regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions. When considered in conjunction with the effects of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions at Creech AFB, no significant reasonably foreseeable impacts would be anticipated to occur with implementation of the Proposed Action.

Mitigation

The EA analysis concluded that the Proposed Action would not result in significant environmental impacts; therefore, no mitigation measures are required. Best management practices are described and recommended in the EA where applicable.

Conclusion

Finding of No Significant Impact. After review of the attached EA prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and DoD NEPA implementing procedures and which is hereby incorporated by reference, I have determined that the Proposed Action would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, including the natural environment. Accordingly, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.



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