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Public Involvement

Throughout the study process, the study team gathered public input on issues, possible actions and alternatives. The scoping process included meetings with agencies and organizations, public meetings and workshops, newsletters, a web page, and written public comments. These sources were used to identify the issues, alternatives, and impact topics to be considered for the special resource study and environmental analysis, and to keep the public informed and involved throughout the study process.

PUBLIC SCOPING AND WORKSHOPS

The initial scoping process extended from July through September 2000. A notice announcing the public meetings was mailed out on July 14, 2000. Meeting notices were available in Spanish and a Spanish translator was available at public meetings. Meetings were held on August 3, 2000 at Fort Hunter Liggett Headquarters and at King City, California and on August 5, 2000 at Salinas, California. Approximately 100 people attended these public meetings. The National Park Service met with neighboring landowners, local historians, and resource conservationists. A total of 200 comments were received throughout the scoping process. A summary of the comments received can be found in “Appendix G: Summary of Scoping Public Comments.” The scoping process ended on September 30, 2000. Throughout the planning process, the planning team has been accepting public input.

NEWSLETTERS AND WEB PAGE

The National Park Service study team published four separate newsletters, in September 2000, December 2000, August 2001, and October 2004 to keep community members and others informed about the study process. The mailing list included approximately 500 names. All information sent by mail has also been available on the web site for the study, www.nps.gov/pwro/fhl. There has been periodic media coverage. Some of the written materials were available in Spanish, including newsletters and information on the web site.

DRAFT SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The *Draft Fort Hunter Liggett Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment* was published and released for public comment in June 2004. Approximately 500 copies were distributed for review. The study report was also posted on the study web site. The initial 60-day public comment period on the draft report closed on August 6, 2004 but was later extended to October 31, 2004 to address concerns that key stakeholders did not have adequate input into the study process. Public meetings were held on July 7, 2004 in King City, California and July 10, 2004 in Salinas, California. A meeting with Fort Hunter Liggett staff was held at the installation on July 8, 2004. A newsletter was released on October 1, 2004 summarizing comments on the draft study report and announcing the extension of the public comment period. A total of 44 comments were received during the comment period. A summary of comments and responses on the draft study report has been prepared and included in Appendix H.

Agency Consultation

The National Park Service study team has consulted with federal, state, and local agency representatives in conducting this study. In October 2000, the National Park Service sent out a letter notifying federal and state agencies about the study and requesting agency input. Throughout the study process, joint meetings were held with the U.S. Army, California State Parks, the U.S. Forest Service, and other agencies. The following is a brief description of various consultations with agencies.

FEDERAL

Coordination meetings were held in 2000 through 2003 with US Army Forces Command, BRAC Command, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Fort Hunter Liggett Command, US Army Satellite Control (SATCON), and Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). Several roundtable meetings were held to review sections of the draft study report. The planning team consulted with

Fort Hunter Liggett Cultural and Natural Resource Management staff throughout the planning process. Site inspection of BRAC excess buildings occurred in 2001.

The team consulted with the Los Padres National Forest staff and other U.S. Forest Service officials on alternatives and resource information. The team consulted with the Fish and Wildlife Service officials on federally-listed species.

The team briefed the offices of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congressman Sam Farr, and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi on the study process.

STATE

The team coordinated with Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument and California State Parks managers on sections of the draft study report including significance, feasibility, management alternatives, and environmental impacts.

The team consulted with California Department of Fish and Game on state-listed species. The team consulted with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on cultural resources.

Native American Consultation

The planning team first met with the Salinan Tribal Council in Jolon, CA in 2001 to provide an update of the study process and to hear the council's ideas and concerns. In 2003, the team provided an update on the planning process for Gregg Castro, Tribal Council Chair and learned about current Salinan activities and concerns. Since NPS initiated the study in 2000, there have been changes to organizations representing Salinans, which now include the Xolon Salinan Tribe, Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties; and the Salinan Nation Cultural Preservation Association. Members of the three Salinan organizations participated in public meetings regarding the study process. On request, the NPS met with the Salinan Tribe of Monterey

and San Luis Obispo Counties to discuss the draft study in October 2004.

Other Consultation

Other agencies and organizations consulted with include:

Catholic Diocese of Monterey

Franciscan Order

King City Manager and Economic Development Director

Monterey County

Monterey County Parks Department

Monterey County Planning and Building Inspection

Hacienda Restaurant and Guest Lodge

National Parks and Conservation Association

Big Sur Sanctuary Coalition

Friends of Historic San Antonio Mission

San Antonio Valley Historical Association

Ventana Conservation and Land Trust

Ventana Wilderness Alliance

List of Agencies and Organizations to Whom Copies of the Draft Study Report Were Sent

FEDERAL AGENCIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Department of the Army

U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM)
U.S. Army Base Realignment and Closure
Division (BRACD)
U.S. Army Reserve Command
Fort Hunter Liggett Headquarters

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management, California State
Office, Sacramento and Hollister Field
Offices
Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Office, Ventura
National Park Service, Pacific West Region and
Washington, D.C. offices

Department of Agriculture

U.S. Forest Service, Los Padres National Forest

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

U. S. Senate and Congressional Representatives

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Congressman Sam Farr, 17th District
U.S. Congressman Bill Thomas, 22nd District

STATE AGENCIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Department of Conservation, Office of Land Conservation

Department of Fish and Game

California State Parks, Sacramento Headquarters,
San Simeon District

State Historic Preservation Office

LOCAL AGENCIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

City of Cambria

City of Carmel

King City

City of Monterey

City of Salinas

City of San Luis Obispo

City of San Simeon

City of Paso Robles

Monterey County

Monterey County Parks Department

Monterey County Planning and Building Inspection

ORGANIZATIONS

Big Sur Sanctuary Coalition

California Native Plant Society

Catholic Diocese of Monterey

Friends of Historic San Antonio Mission

National Trust for Historic Preservation

San Antonio Valley Historical Association

Ventana Conservation and Land Trust

TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Xolon Salinan Tribe

Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties

Salinan Nation Cultural Preservation Association