

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR PROPOSED BEDDOWN OF ADDITIONAL REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AIR FORCE F-15SGs AT MOUNTAIN HOME AFB, IDAHO

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to analyze the impacts of the proposed beddown of additional Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) F-15SGs at Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Idaho. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to expand the RSAF training mission at Mountain Home AFB to maintain maximum readiness for RSAF forces. The Proposed Action is needed because the Singapore has limited airspace and availability to train, and to continue building the U.S. Air Force (USAF) relationship and interoperability with the Singapore armed forces. The Proposed Action would provide training for effective combat readiness of an important partner nation, fulfilling the need to train as a team to perform in a multinational force structure.

USAF proposes to increase the number of permanently assigned RSAF F-15SG aircraft at Mountain Home AFB from fourteen to twenty, for a total of 62 aircraft on base. It would also include construction of support facilities and infrastructure; and increases in personnel, aircraft operations, and two types of inert munitions use. All aircraft operations would take place within existing military training routes and airspace, and additions to or alterations of airspace are not proposed. Additionally, all munitions expenditures would take place within existing military range training areas currently authorized for munitions use, and changes or additions to the range areas are not proposed. The RSAF squadron would continue to operate as a separate fighter squadron under the operational control of the 366 Fighter Wing and there would be no change in the mission for the installation.

The Draft EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and Air Force instructions for implementing NEPA, evaluates potential impacts of the Proposed Action and Action Alternative on the environment, as well as a No Action Alternative. Based on the analyses, the USAF anticipates preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The Draft EA and proposed Draft FONSI are available for review at the following locations:

Mountain Home AFB Library
485 15th Ave
Mountain Home AFB, ID 83648

Mountain Home Public Library
790 N. 10th E. St.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Online at: <http://www.mountainhome.af.mil/Home/Environmental-News>

A copy of the Draft EA and Draft FONSI can also be obtained by contacting Noelle Shaver at the address provided below. The document is available for public review and comment from December 27, 2017 through January 26, 2018. Please address written comments to Ms. Noelle Shaver at noelle.shaver@us.af.mil, or by postal mail at: Noelle Shaver, 366 CES/CEIE, 1030 Liberator, Mountain Home, ID 83648

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