

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 366 CIVIL ENGINEER SQAUDRON (ACC) MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE IDAHO



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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INDIVIDUALS, ORGANZIATIONS, AND PUBLIC REFERENCE LIBRARIES

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SUBJECT: Establishment of a Sustainable Water Supply for Mountain Home Air Force Base, Mountain Home, Idaho Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and Decision Record

We are pleased to announce the Final EA and signed FONSI, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Decision Record addressing addressing the establishment of sustainable water supply from the Snake River to Mountain Home AFB. The proposal consists of establishing a new sustainable water supply conveyed via predominantly linear underground infrastructure across BLM-managed lands to a Water Treatment Facility that would be established within the base boundary. The USAF and BLM have collaborated to prepare an EA that accommodates directives of both organizations (e.g., 32 CFR 989, Environmental Impact Analysis Process, and 43 CFR 46. Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969).

This action will sustain the 366 Fighter Wing's primary mission to prepare mission-ready Gunfighters to fight and win today's war by supporting the base's population of 7,000 military and civilian personnel, as well as over 800 military families. Transitioning the base's water supply to a surface water source will help alleviate stresses on the declining Mountain Home Aquifer.

The EA, FONSI, and Decisison Record are available for public review at: <a href="http://www.mountainhome.af.mil/Home/EnvironmentalNews.aspx">http://www.mountainhome.af.mil/Home/EnvironmentalNews.aspx</a> and <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xn8Xp">https://go.usa.gov/xn8Xp</a>. Libraries are requested to files this document for public review.

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