



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Community Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Analyzing the Potential Impacts of Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment at Fort Bliss

Fort Bliss invites community input on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Fort Bliss Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment (GFS Draft EIS). Four meetings will be held the evenings of November 16 through 19, 2009 in Alamogordo, Las Cruces, and Chaparral, NM and El Paso, TX.

The GFS Draft EIS tiers from the Final Programmatic EIS for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment (GTA PEIS), and evaluates alternatives at Fort Bliss for the use of stationing and training capacity, land use changes, and training infrastructure improvements. These alternatives support the stationing decisions made in the GTA PEIS Record of Decision signed December 2007, the continued mobilization and pre-deployment training mission at Fort Bliss, and reasonably foreseeable future decisions that may affect this installation.

Alternatives comprising the proposed action were developed during scoping meetings with the Fort Bliss Garrison, Installation Management Command - West Region (IMCOM-W), and U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC) staff. Alternatives were grouped into three categories:

- Category 1 – Stationing and training alternatives
- Category 2 – Land use change alternatives
- Category 3 – Training infrastructure improvement alternatives

All categories include a No Action alternative, which is the same as the Record of Decision that adopted Alternative 4 of the 2007 Fort Bliss Mission and Master Plan Supplemental PEIS (2007 SEIS) and currently being implemented.

The public and other interested parties are invited to provide comment on the GFS Draft EIS at the community meetings. All four meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. on the dates indicated below.

**Monday, November 16, 2009**

Otero County Commission, Room 123  
1100 New York Avenue  
Alamogordo, NM 88310

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**

Mesilla Park Community Center  
304 Bell Avenue  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

Multi Purpose Center  
190 County Line  
Chaparral, NM 88081

**Thursday, November 19, 2009**

Chapin High School, Theatre  
7000 Dyer  
El Paso, TX 79904

The GFS Draft EIS was released for public review and comment on October 30, 2009 and is available online at: [http://www.bliss.army.mil/About%20Fort%20Bliss/NEW-EIS/index\\_EIS.htm](http://www.bliss.army.mil/About%20Fort%20Bliss/NEW-EIS/index_EIS.htm). For comments to be considered in the GFS Final EIS, they must be received verbally at one of the public meetings listed above or in writing postmarked no later than December 29, 2009. A comment form will be available at the public meetings, and is also available at the above internet address.

Send written comments no later than December 29, 2009 to:

- John Barrera, NEPA Program Manager, Attn: FB GFS EIS, IMWE-BLS-PWE, Bldg. 624, Pleasonton Rd., Fort Bliss, TX 79932; or by email: [bliss.EIS@conus.army.mil](mailto:bliss.EIS@conus.army.mil).

Requests for additional information may be sent to:

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