

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR JACKS VALLEY DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AT U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLORADO**

The United States Air Force (USAF) completed the Jacks Valley District Plan (JVDP) in September 2020, which identifies requirements for the improvement of the physical infrastructure and functionality of Jacks Valley, United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colorado. The JVDP identified current and future mission, facilities, and infrastructure requirements; development constraints and opportunities; and land use relationships. The USAF has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the potential impacts from the proposal to implement 28 projects that were identified as development priorities in the JVDP. The proposed district development projects include the following types of activities: facility construction and demolition, land modification, roads and trails improvements, and utilities and communications installation. The Draft EA assumes that all 28 projects would be constructed within the next 5 years.

The Draft EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and USAF instructions for implementing NEPA, evaluates potential impacts of the Proposed Actions on the environment, as well as No Action Alternatives. Based on the analyses, the USAF anticipates preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), to include a Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA), for the Proposed Actions. The USAF is complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the JVDP through consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer and federally recognized tribes, and development of a project-based Programmatic Agreement under provisions of 36 CFR § 800.14(b)(3).

The Draft EA and proposed FONSI/FONPA, dated September 2021, are available for review online on the USAFA public website, <https://www.usafa.af.mil/Units/10th-Air-Base-Wing/>, and at the following libraries: USAFA Base Library (5136 Redtail Drive, Suite H103, USAFA, CO); Penrose Library (20 N Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO); and the Monument Library (1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr, Monument, CO).

The documents are available for public review and comment from 10 September 2021 through 11 October 2021. Please address written comments to Mr. Barry Schatz, 8120 Edgerton Drive, USAFA, Colorado 80840 or email: [barry.schatz.2@us.af.mil](mailto:barry.schatz.2@us.af.mil).

#### **PRIVACY ADVISORY NOTICE**

Public commenting allows the USAF to make better, informed decisions. Letters or other written or oral comments provided may be published in the Final EA. As required by law, comments provided will be addressed in the Final EA and made available to the public. Providing personal information is voluntary. Any personal information provided will be used only to identify your desire to make a statement during the public comment portion of any public meetings or hearings or to fulfill requests for copies of the Final EA or associated documents. Private addresses will be compiled to develop a mailing list for those requesting copies of Final EA. However, only the names of the individuals making comments and the specific comments will be disclosed. Personal home addresses and phone numbers will not be published in the Final EA.