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**FOR INFORMATION CALL**  
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## *Belvoir ROD signed*

**FORT BELVOIR, Va., Aug 10, 2007** – The Record of Decision signed this week and announced today clears the way for the realignment of Fort Belvoir and documents a reduction from 22,000 to 19,000 as the number of jobs moving to the post in accordance with the 2005 Base Realignment & Closure Act of 2005.

The ROD generally adopts the “preferred alternative” described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement released July 6. Construction can now begin on facilities for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency at Fort Belvoir’s Engineer Proving Ground, and the new hospital on the installation’s South Post.

The ROD was signed Tuesday by Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management Dr. Craig E. College. It directs Fort Belvoir Installation Commander Col. Brian W. Lauritzen to proceed with much of the preferred alternative described in the Final Environmental Impact Study released in July.

The lower number of jobs moving to Fort Belvoir is based upon information not available when work began to prepare the project’s EIS. According to the ROD, the number of jobs of the Washington Headquarters Service is lower, “because Navy and Air Force organizations in Pentagon Renovation space will find permanent space in accordance with the BRAC statute other than Fort Belvoir, and Army Pentagon renovation leased space personnel will be going to Belvoir’s main post. This results in an increase to 3,943 for Army lease personnel going to Belvoir’s main post. At the same time, the number of personnel leaving Fort Belvoir due to BRAC decisions is higher than originally thought. All of these departing personnel (2,500) are currently at main post.”

The ROD points out that, “the net number of new employees at main post will be the same as analyzed in the EIS; the departure of the additional personnel from their current buildings means that the same amount of existing infrastructure is available for main post tenants. The impacts to main post analyzed in the EIS are still valid.”

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No action changes the BRAC law. The ROD thus authorizes a total of just over 4,200 jobs at main post, and 8,500 at the EPG, and specifically defers a decision on where the remaining WHS jobs – 6,200 – will move. It directs additional analysis and documentation for alternative locations for WHS, such as the GSA site. The Army is now embarking on such analysis.

The Army will pursue funding for five of the transportation projects certified as eligible for funding under the Defense Access Roads Program. These five projects are now authorized to receive federal funding when such funding emerges.

The decision completes a process that began in May 2005 when the BRAC recommendations for Fort Belvoir were announced. Planning began almost immediately with outreach to our community leadership.

“Fort Belvoir’s BRAC planning has undergone comprehensive review and comment,” said Lauritzen. “We have invited, listened to and incorporated comment from elected officials, organizations, and citizens at large. The change in plans for the EPG is an example of adjustments made as a direct result of the installation’s outreach and evaluation of our preferred alternative for that site.”

The ROD is online at [http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa\\_eis\\_docs.htm](http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa_eis_docs.htm). Copies can also be requested by contacting the Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works, 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 100, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-5116; email address: [environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil](mailto:environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil).

For additional information concerning the ROD, please contact Mr. Don Carr, Fort Belvoir Public Affairs Office, at (703) 805-2583 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

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**Al Matera,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

**ACTION:** Open meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Appendix 2 of title 5, United States Code, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (ACDE) is scheduled to be held on September 21, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the DoDEA headquarters building, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22306. The purpose of the ACDE is to recommend to the Director, DoDEA, general policies for the operation of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS); to provide the Director with information about effective educational programs and practices that should be considered by DoDDS; and to perform other tasks as may be required by the Secretary of Defense. The meeting emphases will be the current operational qualities of schools and the institutionalized school improvement processes, as well as other educational matters. For further information contact Mr. Jim Jarrard at 703-588-3121, or at [James.Jarrard@hq.dodea.edu](mailto:James.Jarrard@hq.dodea.edu).

Dated: August 6, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision (ROD) for Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Actions at Fort Belvoir, VA

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of a ROD which summarizes the decision for implementing realignment actions as

directed by the BRAC Commission at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The decision places 8,500 new employees at Fort Belvoir's Engineer Proving Ground; places 5,500 personnel on Fort Belvoir's Main Post, and defers a decision on 6,200 personnel.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the ROD please contact the Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works, 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 100, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-5116; e-mail address: [environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil](mailto:environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Don Carr, Fort Belvoir Public Affairs Office, at (703) 805-2583 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Army has decided to implement the Preferred Alternative (with exceptions noted below) identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (June 2007), supporting studies, and comments provided during formal comment and review periods. The Preferred Alternative includes construction, renovation, and operation of proposed facilities to accommodate incoming military missions and activities at Fort Belvoir as mandated by the BRAC Commission's recommendations. The preferred alternative also includes an updated land use plan, a portion of the installation's Real Property Master Plan. To implement the BRAC Commission recommendations, Fort Belvoir will be receiving personnel, equipment, and missions from various closure and realignment actions within the Department of Defense. To implement the BRAC Commission recommendations, the Army will provide the necessary facilities, buildings, and infrastructure to accommodate personnel being realigned from the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS); National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA); various Army entities moving from leased space in the National Capital Region (NCR); U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM); Program Executive Office, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS); and Missile Defense Agency Headquarters Command Center (MDA HQCC). Details of the BRAC Commission's recommendations can be found at <http://www.brac.gov>. The No Action Alternative would not meet the Army's purpose and need for the Proposed Action as the BRAC realignment is required by Congress and needed for Army transformation to be effective.

Two elements of the EIS's Preferred Alternative were not selected for implementation in the ROD. First, no decision is being made at this time for

siting of the WHS group, designated for the Engineer Proving Ground in the EIS. There will be a subsequent decision for this organization, following analysis of different alternatives. The ROD also does not include building of the Family Travel Camp on Fort Belvoir's Main Post.

Special consideration was given to the effect of the Preferred Alternative on natural resources, cultural resources, traffic and transportation, socioeconomic resources, and air quality. Many means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the selected alternative have been adopted. Other mitigation measures identified in the EIS were not adopted, primarily because of a lack of funding. The Army will minimize effects on all environmental and socioeconomic resources by implementing the best management practices described in the EIS.

As determined in the EIS, implementing the Preferred Alternative will have short- and long-term significant adverse impacts on the transportation network at Fort Belvoir and its surrounding area. The ROD states that implementing the Preferred Alternative reflects a proper balance among initiatives for protection of the environment, appropriate mitigation, and actions to achieve the Army's requirements.

An electronic version of the ROD can be viewed or downloaded from the following Web site: [http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa\\_eis\\_docs.htm](http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa_eis_docs.htm).

Dated: August 7, 2007.

**H.E. Wolfe,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for Transformation at the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS), Colorado

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army.

**ACTION:** Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of a ROD documenting and explaining the decision to implement realignment transformation actions, as directed by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, at the Pinon

Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) in Las Animas County in southeastern Colorado, and other Army transformation programs. The decision is based on the analysis described in the Final PCMS Transformation Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), supporting studies, and comments provided during formal comment and review periods.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** PCMS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Coordinator, Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, 1638 Elwell Street, Building 6236, Fort Carson, Colorado 80913-4000; telephone: 719-526-0912; fax: 719-526-1705; or e-mail: [carsdecampcmsnepa@conus.army.mil](mailto:carsdecampcmsnepa@conus.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Army has decided to proceed with implementing the Proposed Action described in the Final EIS. The Proposed Action is the Army's preferred alternative to implement three transformation programs at the PCMS. The Army transformation programs include: BRAC 2005; Global Defense Posture Realignment (formerly known as Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy); and the Army Modular Force initiative. These programs are part of the overall Army restructuring and are needed to prepare the Army's combat forces for deployment around the world. The Army's decision considered and is consistent with the analysis presented in the EIS, supporting studies, and comments provided during formal comment and review periods.

To implement the BRAC Commission recommendations, the Proposed Action includes two primary components: (1) More frequent use of the PCMS training areas to provide training for approximately 8,500 realigned Active Component (AC) Soldiers and additional Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers assigned to, or otherwise under the control of, Fort Carson and (2) construction of facilities in the Cantonment and ranges in the training areas.

The Proposed Action will provide for increased frequency of training for existing and new units stations at, or otherwise assigned to, Fort Carson. Training and maneuver activities would be similar to the types of activities that presently occur on the PCMS. The increased training requirements of additional AC and RC units, however, will result in increased frequency of use of the training areas. The Army will continue to implement land and environmental management programs and practices to sustain its training

lands for continued use. The No Action Alternative would not meet the Army's purpose and need for the Proposed Action because the BRAC realignment is required by Congress and needed for Army transformation to be effective.

All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental impacts as a result of implementing the selected action have been adopted. The Army will minimize effects on all environmental and cultural resources by implementing the best management practices and mitigation measures described in the ROD to minimize or avoid the adverse effects identified in the Final EIS.

The Army's decision reflects a proper balance among initiatives for protection of the environment, appropriate mitigation, and actions to achieve the Army's requirements.

The decision does not include expansion of the PCMS through land acquisition. Expansion of the PCMS is a separate action that will be evaluated in a public process at a future date.

An electronic version of the ROD can be viewed or downloaded online at [http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa\\_eis\\_docs.htm](http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa_eis_docs.htm).

Dated: August 5, 2007.

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*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for Transformation at Fort Carson, CO

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army.

**ACTION:** Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of a ROD documenting and explaining the decision to implement realignment actions, as directed by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, and other Army transformation programs, at the Fort Carson military installation near Colorado Springs, Colorado. The decision is based on the analysis described in the Final Fort Carson Transformation Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), supporting studies, and comments provided during formal comment and review periods.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fort Carson National Environmental Policy

Act (NEPA) Coordinator, Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, 1638 Elwell Street, Building 6236, Fort Carson, Colorado 80913-4000; telephone: 719-526-4666; fax: 719-526-1705; or e-mail [carsdecamnepa@conus.army.mil](mailto:carsdecamnepa@conus.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Army has decided to proceed with implementing the Proposed Action described in the Final EIS. The Proposed Action is the Army's preferred alternative to implement three transformation programs at Fort Carson. The Army transformation programs include: BRAC 2005; Global Defense Posture Realignment (formerly known as Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy); and the Army Modular Force initiative. These programs are part of the overall Army restructuring and are needed to prepare the Army's combat forces for deployment around the world. The Army's decision considered, and is consistent with, the analysis presented in the EIS, supporting studies, and comments provided during formal comment and review periods.

To implement transformation programs, the Proposed Action includes three primary components: (1) Changes in force structure resulting in a net gain of military units and personnel; (2) facility construction, renovation, and demolition; and (3) increased frequency of live-fire and maneuver training. The only alternative to the Proposed Action that was evaluated in the Final EIS, the No Action alternative, is not feasible because restoration has been directed by BRAC 2005.

All practicable means have been adopted to avoid adverse impacts on environmental and cultural resources identified in the Final EIS as a result of implementing the selected action. To the extent that such impacts cannot be avoided altogether, the Army will minimize them by implementing the best management practices and mitigation measures described in ROD.

The Army's decision reflects a proper balance among initiatives for protection of the environment, appropriate mitigation, and actions to achieve the Army's requirements.

Copies of the ROD can be requested from the NEPA Coordinator or downloaded at [http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa\\_eis\\_docs.htm](http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa_eis_docs.htm).