



# NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON

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## **FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX-MODERNIZATION RANGE B-16 IMPROVEMENTS FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AVAILABLE**

**FALLON, Nev.** — The United States (U.S.) Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts from infrastructure improvements at the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Range Bravo (B)-16 (Range B-16) in northwest Nevada.

As part of the Navy's overall FRTC modernization effort, the Proposed Action is to provide new and improve existing range infrastructure to support acceptably realistic air and ground training activities. As discussed in the 2020 FRTC-Modernization Final Environmental Impact Statement, further analysis was required for certain improvements and activities for which adequate information was not available at the time (e.g., specific infrastructure locations). Sufficient information has become available to analyze the potential impacts from infrastructure improvements at Range B 16.

Proposed range infrastructure improvements include:

- Installation of approximately 33 miles of fencing along the expanded Range B-16 boundary;
- Improvements to approximately 21 miles of existing routes;
- Updates to the Free Maneuver Area and continuation of periodic ground-disturbing training activities on up to 4,890 acres within this area;
- Potential expansion of the Dead Camel Gravel Pit by up to four acres; and
- Restoration of well access near Building 612 or drilling of a new well.

In preparing the Final EA, the Navy coordinated with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office and federally recognized tribes, and considered public comments received on the Draft EA. Based on the analysis presented in the Final EA, which was prepared in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act requirements and applicable federal implementing regulations and other applicable federal guidance, the Navy finds that implementation of the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1) would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. As a result, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact documents can be downloaded from the project website at <https://cnrsw.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Environmental-Support/Public-Information-Access-to-Navy-Projects/>. Printed copies of the Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact are available to view at the following libraries:

- Churchill County Library: 553 S. Maine St., Fallon, NV 89406
- Fernley Branch Library: 575 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408

Please help the Navy inform the community about the availability of the Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact by sharing this information.

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