

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND
PROPOSED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
FINDING OF NO PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR
354TH RANGE SQUADRON RADAR OPERATIONS SITES
EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA**

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to analyze the impacts of the United States Air Force (Air Force) Proposed Action, *354TH Range Squadron Radar Operations Sites*. The purpose of this Proposed Action is to improve F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter training effectiveness in the North Pacific operational theater. The development of nine new operations sites with modern radars on Federal, State, and Fairbanks North Star Borough lands would modernize the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex and enable realistic training that is representative of the current threat environment. Thus, the Proposed Action is critical to the Air Force's readiness and mission capabilities. Eielson Air Force Base would operate radars at the Proposed Action operations sites at various sites throughout Interior Alaska.

The EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and Air Force instructions implementing NEPA; evaluates potential impacts of alternative actions on the environment including the No-action Alternative. Based on this analysis, the Air Force has prepared a Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA).

The Draft EA and Proposed FONSI and FONPA, dated March 2024, are available for review and can be access electronically on the Eielson Air Force Base Environmental website at: <https://www.eielson.af.mil/General-Information/Environmental/>.

You are encouraged to submit comments through April 13, 2024. Comments should be provided to the Eielson Air Force Base Public Affairs Office by email at:

354FW.PA.PUBLICAFFAIRS@US.AF.MIL.

Accommodations for Individuals with disabilities will be made upon request. Individuals requesting accommodations should contact the Eielson Air Force Base Public Affairs Office at the aforementioned email or by phone at (907) 377-2116.

PRIVACY ADVISORY NOTICE

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