

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY - FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR REPAIR OF THE
GARRISON SLOUGH RAILROAD TRESTLE BRIDGE AT EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA**

The U.S. Air Force announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed repair of the 50-year-old Garrison Slough railroad trestle bridge at Eielson Air Force Base. The EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of replacing the Garrison Slough railroad trestle bridge with a culvert system consisting of concrete headwalls and two 60-inch culverts conveying Garrison Slough under the railroad. In addition, two existing adjacent 48-inch culverts beneath Arctic Avenue would be replaced with two 60-inch culverts and the road repaved. The proposed project would address deficiencies of the aging railroad trestle bridge to maintain a reliable method of providing coal to the Central Heat and Power Plant and jet propellant fuel to the bulk fuel storage facility. The proposed action is subject to the Clean Water Act Sections 401, 404, and 404(b)(1) guidelines, and the requirements and objectives of Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands.

The Draft EA was made available for review and comment from March 5, 2023 to April 4, 2023. All comments received were considered in preparation of the Final EA. Based on the findings of the Final EA and the public review of the Draft EA, the U.S. Air Force has determined that the Proposed Action would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and a Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA) have been issued. The Final EA and FONSI/FONPA are available on the project website at: <https://www.eielson.af.mil/>.