

NOTICE OF EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES POTENTIALLY WITHIN FLOODPLAINS – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

The United States (US) Department of the Air Force (DAF) is inviting early public input on proposed activities in the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) District at Edwards Air Force Base (AFB), California, with potential to affect floodplain resources. To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the DAF is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed activities.

The DAF is proposing to implement 10 projects under the AFRL District Plan in support of the DAF test mission at the Edwards AFB AFRL. The projects would involve facility construction, demolition, utilities and communications infrastructure installation and/or upgrades, land modification, and/or road and trail improvements. Some of the projects could take place within a floodplain. Because of this, the DAF is seeking early public input on practical alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse effects to this natural resource. The DAF will consider public input as practicable in the forthcoming Draft EA.

The DAF plans to use the NEPA process to comply with Executive Orders (EO) 11988, *Floodplain Management*; 13690, *Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input*; and 11990, *Protection of Wetlands*.

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