NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

Fort Benning has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and evaluate potential environmental effects from implementing the revised 2014 Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) at Fort Benning, Georgia. The 2014 INRMP updates the 2011 INRMP currently in use, and specifies the land management practices and adaptive management strategies that will conserve ecological integrity, Army training and promote the health of Fort Benning's ecosystems.

The Final EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) have been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 USC 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the Army NEPA Regulation (*Environmental Analysis of Army Actions*, Final Rule, 32 CFR Part 651). Publication of this notice begins a 30-day public review period. The public is invited to review and comment on the Final EA and Draft FNSI from **July 3–August 2, 2014**. Copies of the Final EA and Draft FNSI may be viewed at the following locations:

- 1. Columbus Public Library
- 2. Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library
- 3. Sayers Memorial Library (Fort Benning Main Post Library)
- 4. Phenix City Russell County Public Library

In addition, the Final EA and Draft FNSI are also posted on Fort Benning's website at <u>http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/DPW/EMD/legal.htm</u>. Written comments concerning this Final EA and Draft FNSI are invited; the comments must be received by **August 2, 2014** to ensure consideration prior to reaching any FNSI.

Written public comments should be addressed to:

 Mr. John Brent; Environmental Management Division Chief; IMSE-BEN-PWE-P; 6650 Meloy Drive; Building 6, Room 307; Fort Benning, Georgia 31905; or via email at john.j.brent.civ@mail.mil. For further information or to request a copy of the documents, please contact the U.S Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Programs Management Branch (Attention: Mr. John E. Brown, NEPA Program Manager), 6650 Meloy Drive; Building 6 (Meloy Hall), Room 309; Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5122 or call (706) 545-7549.

Sincerely,

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