## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSEMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

## 3<sup>RD</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION (3ID) HEAVY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (HBCT) COMPLEX AND UPGRADE TO TANK TRAIL

## FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

The United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Directorate of Public Works, Fort Benning, Georgia, hereby announces the availability of the "Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Proposed Implementation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (3ID) Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) Complex and Upgrade to Tank Trail at Fort Benning, Georgia." These documents address the proposal to construct, operate, and maintain an Army standard design HBCT Complex to include a tactical vehicle maintenance facility, and upgrades and repairs to existing tank trail infrastructure. This Proposed Action would improve training and other military operations, notably in concert with the establishment of the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE).

The Final EA and Draft 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 13 – August 12, 2011. Copies of the Final EA and Draft FNSI may be viewed at the following locations:

- 1. Columbus Public Library
- 2. South Columbus Branch Library
- 3. Sayers Memorial Library (Fort Benning Main Post 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 12, 2011** to ensure consideration prior to reaching any FNSI.

Written public comments should be addressed to:

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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.

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