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

UNITED STATES ARMY MARKSMANSHIP UNIT HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX

AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

The United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Directorate of Public Works, Fort Benning, Georgia, hereby announces the availability of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) Complex Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI). These documents evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the construction and operation of a USAMU Complex at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The USAMU Complex would consist of a Battalion Headquarters building with a ceremonial display area, library, classrooms, and administrative operations areas; a hazardous materials storage building; and a Custom Firearms Shop. Other facilities and infrastructure will involve secured organizational and personal vehicle parking, sidewalks, and utility services to include water, sewer, electric, natural gas, and stormwater drainage. The complex will also include a bus turn-out area to accommodate large groups of visitors.

The EA and Draft FNSI have been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (NEPA; 42 USC 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality 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 EA and Draft FNSI from August 2 to August 31, 2018. Copies of the 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)
- 4. Phenix City-Russell County Library

In addition, the EA and Draft FNSI are also posted on Fort Benning's website at <u>http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/dpw/emd/Legal.html</u>. Written comments concerning this Final EA and Draft FNSI are invited; the comments must be received by September 4, 2018 to ensure consideration prior to reaching any FNSI.

Written public comments should be addressed to:

Fort Benning Environmental Management Division Attn: NEPA Program Manager 6650 Meloy Drive Building 6, Room 309 Fort Benning, GA 31905-5122 Electronic comments should be submitted to the NEPA Program Manager: Mr. John Brown (john.e.brown12civ@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) or call (706) 545-7549.

Sincerely,

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