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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: Notification and Solicitation of Comments for Invasive and Aquatic Species Management at Travis Air Force Base (AFB) and Geographically Separated Units (GSUs), Solano and Contra Costa Counties, California

1. The U.S. Air Force (USAF) is in the process of preparing a Draft Environmental Assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508); USAF Environmental Impact Analysis Process (32 Code of Federal Regulations Part 989); and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed action manages invasive and aquatic species on Travis AFB protects and preserve the military mission while simultaneously helping to meet Section 7(a)1 obligations under the federal Endangered Species Act.

1. Under the Proposed Action, Travis AFB proposes to manage invasive species across the main base are (5,137-acres) and seven graphically separated units (GSU) cover 358 acres.

Additional work includes native and invasive aquatic species in Union Creek and other permeant water bodies on Travis AFB in order to satisfy resource management goals from the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, the Invasive Plant Species Management Plan, the Invasive Species Management Plan, the Grazing Management Plan, the Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan, and the Wildland Fire Management Plan. Implementation an integrated management process reduces the negative effects. Treatments may include but are not limited to: broad-scale actions such as grazing and prescribed fire; fire management activities (firebreak creation and maintenance); targeted treatments (manual/mechanical and chemical applications), and habitat enhancement activities and modifications. Annual work allows for predictable reduction of invasive species and improvement of federally listed species habitat.

2. The Environmental Assessment provides three alternative options for the proposed action: the proposed action without chemical herbicide applications and limited use of grazing; the proposed action excluding all locations with 25 feet of federally listed species habitat and known listed species records, and the No Action Alternative encompasses current management actions.

3. The Air Force requests your input on the Proposed Action as part of the consultation process with relevant agencies, property owners and stakeholders in accordance with Executive Order 12372, *Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs*. This is the initial step in the review

process. The draft of the Environmental Assessment will be released as details on each Alternative is developed.

4. Please address all questions and comments to Seth Merdler; Travis AFB NEPA Program Manager; at (707) 424-7516; seth.merdler@us.af.mil; 411 Airman Dr, Travis AFB, CA 94535

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