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## Notice of Availability

### **Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact for Management of the Common Raven on Department of Defense Lands in the California Desert**

The U.S. Marine Corps' Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC) and cooperating agencies have prepared a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with management of the Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) on lands owned or used by six Department of Defense (DoD) installations in the California desert.

- The six DoD installations include: Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms; Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow; Edwards Air Force Base; Fort Irwin National Training Center; Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake; and Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range (administered by Marine Corps Air Station Yuma).
- The purpose of the Proposed Action is to better manage raven populations at lands owned or used by the DoD in the California desert. The Proposed Action is needed to mitigate the ecological, economic, and health and safety impacts of subsidy-elevated and increasing raven populations in the California desert, all of which hinder military readiness on DoD installations in the region.

MAGTFTC, as the National Environmental Policy Act lead agency, is requesting public input on the Draft PEA and the MAGTFTC-specific Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The Proposed FONSI is being provided for public review to assist the agencies in deciding if there is any reason why a FONSI would not be appropriate.

- Electronic copies of the Draft PEA and Proposed FONSI are available for review at <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-offices/Environmental-Affairs/> (under "Environmental Assessments").
- Hardcopies are available for review at the following libraries: Imperial County Library (Calipatria Branch), Kern County Libraries (Ridgecrest Branch Library, Rosamond Branch Library), Los Angeles County Library (Lancaster Library), San Bernardino County Libraries (Barstow Branch, Trona Branch, Twentynine Palms Branch, Joshua Tree Branch, Yucca Valley Branch), Riverside County Library (Mecca Branch).

The 30-day public review period begins November 18, 2021, and electronic or written comments concerning the Proposed Action will be accepted through **December 18, 2021**.

- Comments may be submitted via email to [jesse.w.martinez1@navy.mil](mailto:jesse.w.martinez1@navy.mil) or by mail C/O Cardno Government Services, Attention Jesse Martinez, 3888 State Street, Suite 201, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Thank you for your participation!