

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE SPACE LAUNCH DELTA 30

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## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL PARTIES

FROM: 30 CES/CEI

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SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Point Conception Restoration at Vandenberg Space Force Base (SFB), California.

- 1. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Council of Environmental Quality regulations, and the Department of the Air Force (DAF) NEPA regulations, Space Launch Delta 30 (SLD 30) prepared a Draft EA and Draft FONSI evaluating potential environmental impacts associated with proposed habitat restoration at Point Conception, Vandenberg SFB, California.
- 2. The Proposed Action is to implement the Point Conception Restoration Plan to reduce invasive plant species occurrence and cover, open niche space for native plant species, establish self-sustaining native habitat that is resistant to invasion, and meet the requirements of the Sikes Act, Endangered Species Act, and various Department of Defense Instructions and Executive Orders. SLD 30 would conduct routine maintenance of the site to prevent surrounding source populations of nonnative species from reinvading the site, and would construct buck and rail fence to prevent livestock from entering the restoration area. SLD 30 would monitor habitat restoration activities to determine restoration success as well as the effectiveness of environmental protection measures.
- 3. The Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available for review as printed copies at the Lompoc, Santa Barbara Central Branch, Santa Maria, and Vandenberg SFB Public Libraries and electronically at: https://www.vandenberg.spaceforce.mil/About-Us/Environmental/EAS/. The public comment period for this Draft EA and Draft FONSI extends from 21 September 2023 through 21 October 2023. During this time, comments may be sent to Ms. Tiffany Whitsitt-Odell, SLD 30, Installation Management Flight Environmental Assets, 1028 Iceland Avenue, Building 11146, Vandenberg SFB, California 93437, emailed to tiffany.whitsitt-odell@spaceforce.mil, or faxed to (805) 606-6137. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tiffany Whitsitt-Odell at (805) 606-2044.

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