

## Public Advertisement

The Department of the Army (Army) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 United States Code Ch. 55), Council on Environmental Quality's implementing regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500 to 1508), Army supplemental regulations (32 CFR Part 651), and other relevant laws and policies cited therein. The Proposed Action would safely, humanely, and successfully translocate all detected Mojave desert tortoises (*Gopherus agassizii*) from the Western Training Area (WTA), National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, to the WTA Translocation Site in advance of the start of military training in the WTA. The Proposed Action is defined by the mitigation requirements from the 2023 *Final Legislative Environmental Impact Statement for Military Training and Public Land Withdrawal Extension* (2023 LEIS) and the 2021 Biological Opinion (2021 BO) that require the translocation of desert tortoises from the WTA. The EA analyzes the implementation of NEPA mitigation per the 2023 LEIS and Record of Decision, which is tied to Endangered Species Act mitigation per the 2021 BO.

The Army invites the public to provide comments on the EA and Draft FNSI. Bound copies of the EA and Draft FNSI are available for review at the following library locations:

- Fort Irwin Post Library, F Avenue, between 1st Street and 2nd Street, Building 333, Fort Irwin, California 92310
- Barstow Library, 304 East Buena Vista, Barstow, California 92311

The EA and Draft FNSI can also be found on the following websites:

- State Clearinghouse website: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Recent>
- Project-specific website: <https://IrwinWTADTTtranslocationEA.com>

Please provide comments regarding the EA and Draft FNSI by July 27, 2024, by mail to Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division, NEPA Planner, PO Box 105085, Fort Irwin California 92310-5085; online at the project-specific website at <https://IrwinWTADTTtranslocationEA.com>; or by email to [comments@IrwinWTADTTtranslocationEA.com](mailto:comments@IrwinWTADTTtranslocationEA.com).