



Welcome to the

Public Scoping Meeting for

Disposition of Hangars 2 & 3 at Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Wednesday, December 14, 2011



Purpose

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present information about and solicit public input on disposition options for two historic aircraft hangars - Hangars 2 and 3 - which are located on the Main Post of Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Agenda

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Open House with Informational Exhibits

Please review the informational posters around the room. Army representatives will be on hand throughout the evening to talk about the proposed project and answer any questions you might have about the project. Provide your comments on the project to the Court Reporter.

6:30 p.m. to 6:35 p.m. – Welcome, COL Ronald M. Johnson, Fort Wainwright Garrison Commander

6:35 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Informational Presentation, Ms. Carrie McEnteer, Fort Wainwright NEPA Branch Chief and Ms. Lisa Graham, Fort Wainwright Cultural Resources Manager

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Open House with Informational Exhibits

Ways to Provide Input

We would appreciate your input regarding this project. There are several ways to provide comments:

- Fill out a Comment Form and place it one of the two comment boxes (available at the sign-in table and near the Court Reporter).
- Provide verbal comments to the Court Reporter here at the public meeting.
- Mail, fax or email written comments to:

Ms. Carrie McEnteer, Directorate of Public Works

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The Army will consider all comments received on the project for incorporation into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). **The comment period ends on January 17, 2012.** Thank you for your interest.



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Purpose and Need

The **purpose** of the proposed action is to determine the disposition of two historic aircraft hangars - Hangars 2 and 3 - located on the Main Post of Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

A decision on the disposition of the hangars is **needed** because the hangars no longer meet the functional requirements of maintenance facilities for aircraft. In addition, due to their compromised structural integrity, both hangars have been found to be unsafe for occupancy and are currently vacant. Therefore, an alternate use for these facilities must be considered by the Army.

Potential Alternatives

Alternative 1 - No Action: Maintenance and upkeep of the hangars would continue based on current funding levels and other maintenance priorities within Fort Wainwright. No large scale rehabilitation efforts are currently planned for the hangars and their structural integrity would continue to deteriorate, perhaps resulting in failure.

Alternative 2 - Convert Both Hangars to Another Use: Reuse of the hangars would require full-scale building rehabilitation, including major structural repairs and upgrades to basic services and safety equipment, and could include the following Army options: 1) housing simulators, either Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer units or mobile and non-mobile simulator units; 2) recreational facilities for uniformed personnel; 3) indoor field training; or 4) warm storage. Or, reuse could include transferring the hangars and all management responsibilities (funding, repair, management, operations, and maintenance) from the Army to another interested entity. The historical significance of the structures would be preserved.

Alternative 3 - Demolish Both Hangars: Demolition of the hangars would involve removal of the buildings and foundations (after appropriate removal and disposal of any hazardous materials), recycling/diverting portions of the non-hazardous materials, removing the parking lot paving and replacing with grass, and adding concrete to building footprints for future use as an apron. The historical significance of these structures would be lost.

Alternative 4 - Demolish One Hangar and Convert One Hangar to Another Use: The reuse of one hangar could include the reuse options as described under Alternative 2. A reuse option would retain the historic significance of one hangar. The other hangar would be demolished using similar methods as described under Alternative 3 and the historical significance of the demolished hangar would be lost.



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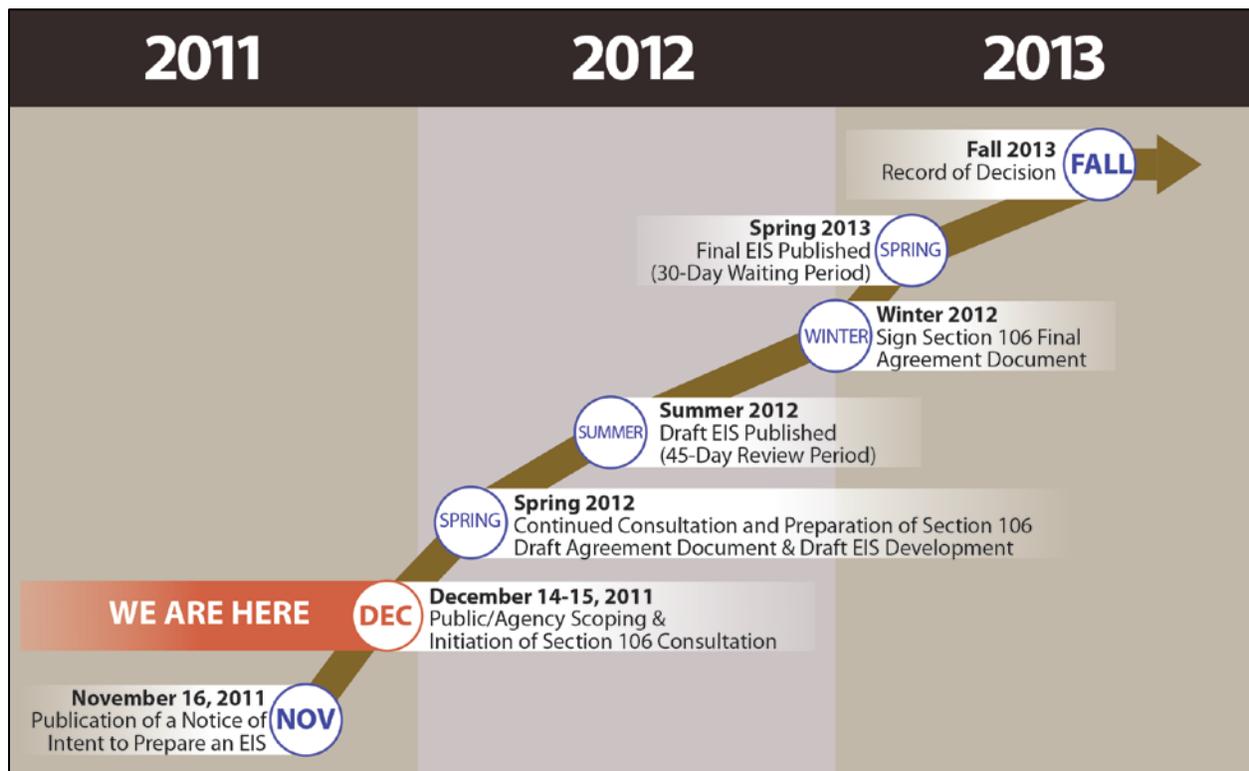
Alternative 5 – Indefinite Mothballing: Minimal building rehabilitation would occur to both hangars to a level that would stabilize their structural integrity. Maintenance and upkeep of the hangars would continue at a minimal level that would maintain their long-term structural integrity. The historical significance of these structures would be maintained, but the facilities would not be functional.

Topics of Concern

The following topics of concern have been identified for potential analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement:

- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials/
Hazardous Waste
- Safety
- Socioeconomic
- Sustainability
- Transportation
- Utilities

General Project Timeline



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