

RECORD OF DECISION

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FIFTH GENERATION FORMAL TRAINING UNIT OPTIMIZATION JOINT-BASE LANGLEY EUSTIS AND EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

INTRODUCTION

The United States Air Force (USAF) is issuing this Record of Decision (ROD) Amendment regarding its decision dated March 24, 2021, to beddown permanently the F-22 Formal Training Unit (FTU) mission that is temporarily operating at Eglin AFB due to Hurricane Michael's devastation of nearby Tyndall AFB, at Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE– Langley), Virginia.

This ROD Amendment is prepared in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 1505.2 (*Record of decision in cases requiring environmental impact statements*). The USAF is the lead agency for this Final EIS.

Specifically, this ROD Amendment documents the USAF's decision regarding the number of aircraft which will comprise the F-22 FTU at JBLE. Under the March 24, 2021 ROD, F-22 FTU mission beddown consisted of 21 F-22 Primary Aerospace-Vehicle Assigned (PAA), two F-22 Backup Aircraft Inventory (BAI), and 16 T-38 PAA. The USAF is amending the decision to track precisely with the numbers of aircraft comprising the F-22 FTU permanent beddown as analyzed in the Final EIS.

AMENDED DECISION

After considering the potential environmental consequences of the proposed actions, comments and concerns of the public and other key stakeholders, other factors related to national defense, including current military operational needs and costs, and the March 24, 2021 ROD, the USAF amends that portion of its decision to beddown permanently the F-22 FTU mission at JBLE-Langley as to the number of aircraft.

The USAF will, by this amended decision, beddown up to 28 F-22 PAA, 3 F-22 BAI, and 16 T-38 PAA at JBLE-Langley.

All other decisions and statements documented in the March 24, 2021, ROD remain unchanged and shall have continuing full force and effect.



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