

Notice of Availability and Notice of No Adverse Effects on Historic Properties

Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact Modification and Addition of Alpena Special Use Airspace Complex

The Air National Guard has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the potential impacts associated with modification, expansion, and utilization of the Alpena Special Use Airspace (SUA) Complex. The proposed modifications and additions to the Alpena SUA Complex are designed to meet current and emerging training requirements and contribute to the most efficient use of the airspace structure. No construction or ground-disturbing activities would occur. The Proposed Action, two action alternatives, and the No Action Alternative were evaluated in the EA. Detailed analysis of the potential impacts to various resource areas was conducted and found that the Proposed Action and alternatives would result in no significant impacts to the environment, supporting a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). An Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The Draft EA contains an assessment of cultural resources and a finding that there would be no adverse effect on historic properties, as defined in 36 CFR 800.5, caused by the undertaking. The National Guard is providing notice of this proposed finding to the public and all consulting parties, defined in 36 CFR 800.2, including the state historic preservation officer, Native American tribes, and representatives of local governments. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(c)(2), if any consulting party disagrees with the proposed finding, the disagreement and the reasons for such disagreement must be raised within 30 days.

The Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available for review and comment for 30 calendar days on the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center website (<https://www.alpenacrctc.ang.af.mil/>) and in paper copy at the following libraries:

- Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, 211 N 1st Ave, Alpena, MI
- Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum St, Grayling, MI
- Rogers City Library, 181 E Erie St, Rogers City, MI
- Atlanta Branch (Montmorency Headquarters), 11901 Haymeadow Rd, Atlanta, MI
- Hillman-Wright Branch, 610 Caring St, Hillman, MI
- Robert J. Parks Library, 6010 N Skeel Ave, Oscoda, MI
- Harrisville Branch (Alcona Headquarters), 312 W Main St, Harrisville, MI
- Tawas City Library, 208 North St, Tawas City, MI
- Otsego County Main Library, 700 S Otsego Ave, Gaylord, MI
- Bad Axe Area District Library, 200 S Hanselman St, Bad Axe, MI
- Port Austin Township Library, 114 Railroad St, Port Austin, MI
- Harbor Beach Public Library, 105 N Huron Ave, Harbor Beach, MI
- Sebawaing Township Library, 41 N Center St, Sebawaing, MI

Written comments should be sent to the National Guard Bureau, Attn: Ms. Kristi Kucharek, 3501 Fetchet Ave, Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762-5157 or emailed to NGB.A4.A4A.NEPA.COMMENTS.Org@us.af.mil with subject ATTN: ALPENA SUA EA. Comments must be received by December 14, 2022, for consideration in the Final EA.