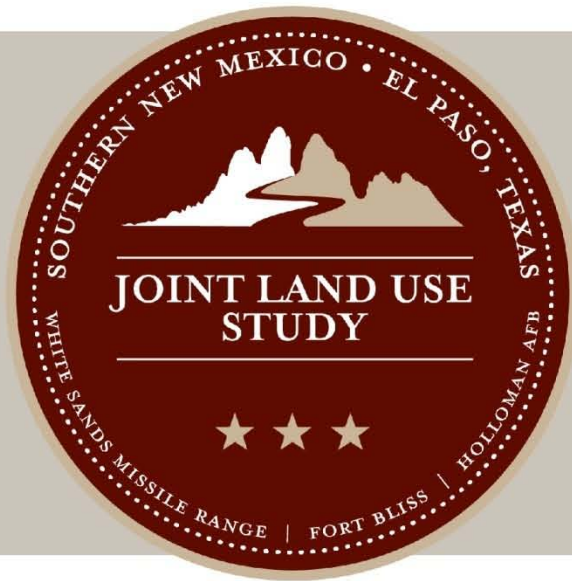


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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING #2

May 1, 2013

Agenda

- Introduction/Overview of Project 10:00AM
- Status of Project 10:15AM
 - Initial Participant Compatibility Findings
 - Public Participation Plan
- Timeline of Project 11:15AM
- Public Comments 11:30AM
- Closing Remarks from the Policy Committee 12:00PM



JLUS Background

- The Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a cooperative process among county and city governments; the public; federal and state agencies; and Fort Bliss, Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range
- The region is unique among defense communities in the U.S. due to physical size, natural and recreational resources, diverse land uses and growth opportunities, and the value of its military training and testing environment



JLUS Background

- Purpose is to create a long-term planning partnership that balances and builds on regional strengths by protecting safety and quality of life in local communities and enhancing the military missions of the area
- Emphasizes ways to promote coordination and communication, maintain the positive economic impact of the installations, and preserve critical civilian and Department of Defense investments



Initial Participant Compatibility Findings

- Complex mix of public and private land status and jurisdiction/agency mandates, missions and goals:
 - Ownership patterns can “land-lock” communities in terms of physical growth and limit revenue base
 - State Land Office mandate to utilize lands to optimize revenue
 - Bureau of Land Management mission to sustain health, diversity, and productivity of public lands
 - Some large tracts privately held land near installations
- Changes in land tenure status and future disposal of lands could generate new growth opportunities and compatibility issues



- Noise from military aircraft
 - Known sensitive spots:
 - Supersonic noise over Sacramento Mountain communities and areas east of Las Cruces
 - Military Training Routes over south central, southeast, and central New Mexico
- Specific firing ranges on Fort Bliss generate impulsive noise
 - Known sensitive spots:
 - Chaparral
 - Orogrande
- Proposed 50 cal outdoor machine gun range along Loop 375 (by existing Rod and Gun Club on Fort Bliss)

Energy/Renewable Energy

- Renewable energy is target growth industry in region - the military strongly supports renewable energy and there are multiple projects completed and in progress at each installation
- SunZia
 - Strong economic development interest and support from land owners, surrounding communities, and cooperating agencies
 - Current proposed alignment impacts military mission and is being worked at the DOD/DOI level
 - Win-win solution still possible if everyone works together in the NEPA process
- Wind turbines are significant compatibility concern for aircraft operations and navigation



- Challenge of managing and scheduling airspace among multiple users:
 - Military
 - Spaceport
 - BLM
 - Civilian (commercial and general aviation)
- Large blocks of airspace critical for military operations and testing
- Military operations tempo is increasing
- WSMR, Holloman AFB and Fort Bliss have developed coordinated scheduling system and are examining steps to further enhance airspace management

Frequency Spectrum Management

- Region is valued for spectrum environment that supports strong uninterrupted signals and communications
- DoD is losing spectrum as more commercial activities use bands previously reserved for military
- Increased competition for spectrum has impact on quality of signals and bandwidth capacity
- Some military spectrum uses can interfere with commercial devices such as GPS
- Spectrum compatibility issues can also affect prospective industries, border patrol, emergency response
- WSMR has a regional DoD frequency coordinator



Public Relations and Public Participation Plan

- Public Relations and Public Participation Plan is the guiding document of the outreach process
- The plan includes:
 - Outreach goals
 - Messaging
 - Information and notification methods
 - Meeting formats
 - Other input mechanisms



Key Messages of the JLUS

- Better understand issues of community growth and land use, natural resources, renewable energy, and economic impact and national security purpose of military missions
- Protect the health and safety of nearby residents and the long-term viability of military operations
- Protect the military missions as economic drivers



Key Messages of the JLUS

- Reduce future compatibility issues by promoting long-term planning and coordination
- Use of Committee and public input to develop recommendations and tailor action steps to partner needs
- Emphasize that JLUS is not a “no-growth” plan but identifies safe, compatible land use and development options wherever feasible



Public Meetings

- Round 1 meeting purpose:
 - Introduce JLUS
 - Outline study goals
 - Review missions and goals of study partners (military, federal, state, local)
 - Highlight ongoing opportunities for public input
 - Identify initial compatibility concerns from analysis
 - Gather feedback to confirm or build on initial issues and priorities
- Round 2 meeting purpose:
 - Feedback on draft recommendations



Small Meetings

- Content comparable to large public meetings, but less formal
- Designed to connect with stakeholders who are less likely to participate in conventional public meeting format
- Fill geographic gaps
- Address strong stakeholder concerns
- Notification is more targeted than large public meetings
- Examples:
 - Ranchers
 - Colonias
 - Tribal governments



Other Outreach Methods

- Use of Partner Networks
 - Preparation of update materials such as slides or handouts that can be used by partners at scheduled meetings, events, etc....
- Web site
 - Online Questionnaire – supplement in-person meetings
 - Understand community issues and concerns
 - Online Input – comments on project website
- Written Comments



Public Meetings

- First round of public meetings targeted for June 3 through 13
- One meeting in each county, with supplemental small meetings to follow
- Approach is to hold public meeting in location to maximize attendance and identify small meetings as appropriate



Public Meetings

- Doña Ana County
 - Public meeting: Las Cruces/area east of Las Cruces
- El Paso County
 - Public meeting: Northeast
- Lincoln County
 - Public meeting: Ruidoso



Public Meetings

- Otero County
 - Public meeting: Alamogordo
- Sierra County
 - Public meeting: Truth or Consequences
- Socorro County
 - Public meeting: San Antonio



Study scheduled to conclude in June of 2014

Revised Public Relations and Public Participation Plan	April 2013
Conclude Phase 1 stakeholder interviews	April 2013
Launch web site	April 2013
Policy Committee 2	May 1, 2013
Draft Existing Conditions/Initial Compatibility Findings	mid-May 2013
Technical Committee 3	June 2013
Public meetings – Round 1	June 2013
Final Existing Conditions/Compatibility Findings	June/July 2013
Small community meetings (10)	June 2013 through April 2014
Economic impact assessment	August 2013

Schedule

Study scheduled to conclude in June of 2014

Draft Strategy Workshop/Technical Committee 4	September 2013
Policy Committee 3	Sept/Oct 2013
Prioritized Recommendations Report	November 2013
Implementation Workshop/Technical Committee 5	January 2014
Initial Draft Plan/ Technical Committee 6	March 2014
Public meetings – Round 2	April 2014
Final Draft Plan/ Policy Committee 4	June 2014



Next Steps

- More detailed review of compatibility assessment with Technical Committee
- June public meetings and continued outreach
- Policy Committee 3
 - Review of key study findings and draft compatibility strategies

