

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Renewal of Authorization to Use Pinecastle Range, Ocala National Forest, Florida



The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy), announces its decision to implement the expanded safety zones and associated mitigation measures and continue Navy training at Pinecastle Range, as detailed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Renewal of

Authorization to Use Pinecastle Range, Ocala National Forest, Florida, dated January 2002, and implemented pursuant to the Record of Decision (ROD) dated March 29, 2002.

The SEIS was prepared for the limited purpose of supplementing the weapons impact analyses contained in the 2002 FEIS. The SEIS analyzed the environmental effects resulting from the expanded safety zones, due to the implementation of new modeling software. The SEIS also analyzed the effectiveness of existing mitigation measures to maintain public safety.

Through analysis in the SEIS it was determined that use of the new modeling software and the subsequently expanded safety zones would not lead to any significant environmental impacts. Implementation of both the existing mitigation measures and additional measures will minimize the potential for impacts to environmental resources and public safety.

An electronic version of the ROD and the Final SEIS can be viewed or downloaded from the project website at <http://www.pinecastleseis.com>. Copies of the ROD and Final EIS are also available for viewing at the following libraries:

Umatilla Public Library
412 Hatfield Drive
Umatilla, FL 35784

Marion County Public Library
2720 East Silver Springs Boulevard
Ocala, FL 34470