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NAVY RELEASES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR HOME BASING OF MQ-4C TRITON UAS AT NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY, POINT MUGU

The Navy has released a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) after evaluating the potential environmental effects that could result from the Navy's proposal to establish the facilities and functions to support the West Coast home basing and maintaining MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) at Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), Point Mugu, California.

The Final EA summarizes the public comment themes and identifies changes made since the Draft EA was released. After a review of the EA, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Navy regulations for implementing NEPA (32 CFR § 775), the Navy finds that home basing the Triton UAS at NBVC Point Mugu, California, will not significantly affect the quality of the natural and manmade environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

A CD copy of the EA, including this FONSI, can be obtained by e-mailing the Public Affairs Officer, Naval Base Ventura County, NBVC Point Mugu, at nbvc_pao@navy.mil, or writing to the Public Affairs Officer, Naval Base Ventura County, NBVC Point Mugu, 311 Main Road Bldg. 1, Suite 118, Point Mugu, CA 93042-5033. The EA and the FONSI are also available on the public web site: <http://www.navyregionsouthwest.com/go/doc/4275/1424607/>.

A copy of the EA, including this FONSI, can be obtained from the

A printed copy and an electronic copy of the EA and the FONSI have been placed in the following libraries for public review:

- Oxnard Main Library: 251 South A Street, Oxnard, California 93030
- South Oxnard Library: 4300 Saviers Road, Oxnard, California 93033
- Colonia Library: 1500 Camino Del Sol, Oxnard, California 93030
- Camarillo Library: 4101 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo, California 93010
- Ventura County Library: 5600 Everglades Street, Ventura, California 93003
- Ray D. Prueter Library: 510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme, California 93041

Under the proposed action the Navy would home base four Triton UAS, establish a maintenance hub to support up to four additional Triton UAS undergoing maintenance at any one time, station up to 700 additional personnel at NBVC Point Mugu, while supporting rotational deployments to and from outside the continental United States. The Navy also would perform some necessary construction and facility improvements. The proposed action is anticipated to be implemented during the 2013-2020 timeframe.

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