

April 14, 2017

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A WASHINGTON ARMY NATIONAL GURAD (WAARNG) TUMWATER READINESS CENTER (TRC) FACILITY IN TUMWATER, THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**Description.** Interested parties are hereby notified that the WAARNG has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) regarding the Proposed Action described below.

**Statutory Authority.** This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the Environmental Analysis of Army Actions (32 CFR 651).

**Proposed Action.** The WAARNG proposes to construct an approximately 82,000-square foot, two-story readiness center; a vehicle storage building; a flammable materials storage; a controlled waste storage; pavement/sidewalks/curbing; and stormwater basins. This facility will cover approximately 12 acres (ac) in the northern portion of the 53-ac property located along Kimmie St., SW, Tumwater, Washington. This facility is intended to support WAARNG's training, administrative, disaster/emergency response, and logistical functions to achieve proficiency in required training tasks, improve readiness, and maintain soldier morale.

**Public Review.** The EA and the draft FNSI will undergo a 30-day public comment period from April 14 to May 13, 2017, in accordance with 32 CFR 651.14, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions. During this period, the public may submit comments on the EA and the draft FNSI. These documents may be accessed online at <http://mil.wa.gov/environmental-programs> or at the following addresses:

- Environmental Programs, Bldg. 36, Quartermaster Rd., Camp Murray, WA 98430
- Tumwater Timberland Library, 7023 New Market St., SW, Tumwater, WA 98501
- Olympia Timberland Library, 313 8th Ave., SE, Olympia, WA 98501
- Timberland Regional Library, 415 Tumwater Blvd., SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

**Comments.** Comments on the EA and the draft FNSI should be submitted during the 30-day period (April 14 to May 13, 2017) via postal mail, fax, or e-mail to:

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