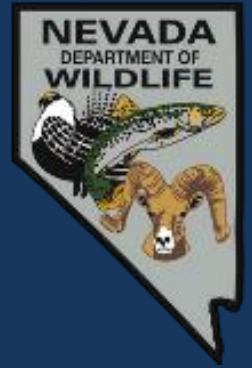


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Fallon Range and Training Complex Update

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners

January 27, 2023



Fallon Naval Air Station – Brief History

- Scoping: December 2016
- Agency Draft EIS: June 2018
- Public Draft EIS: February 2019
- Final EIS Release: January 2020
- Record of Decision: March 2020
- Congressional Decision – Coordination language and IEC creation placed into FY 2021 NDAA
- Congressional Decision – Funding Appropriation approved in FY 2023 NDAA

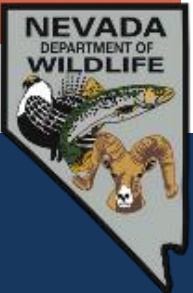


Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Alternative 3 (Preferred)

- Expansion of B-16, B-17, B-20 Bombing Ranges (489,251 acres)
- Expansion of Dixie Valley Training Area (270,000 acres)
- Maintenance of B-19 and Shoal Site (31,573 acres)
- Expansion of Military Airspace
- Changes to Wilderness Study Areas

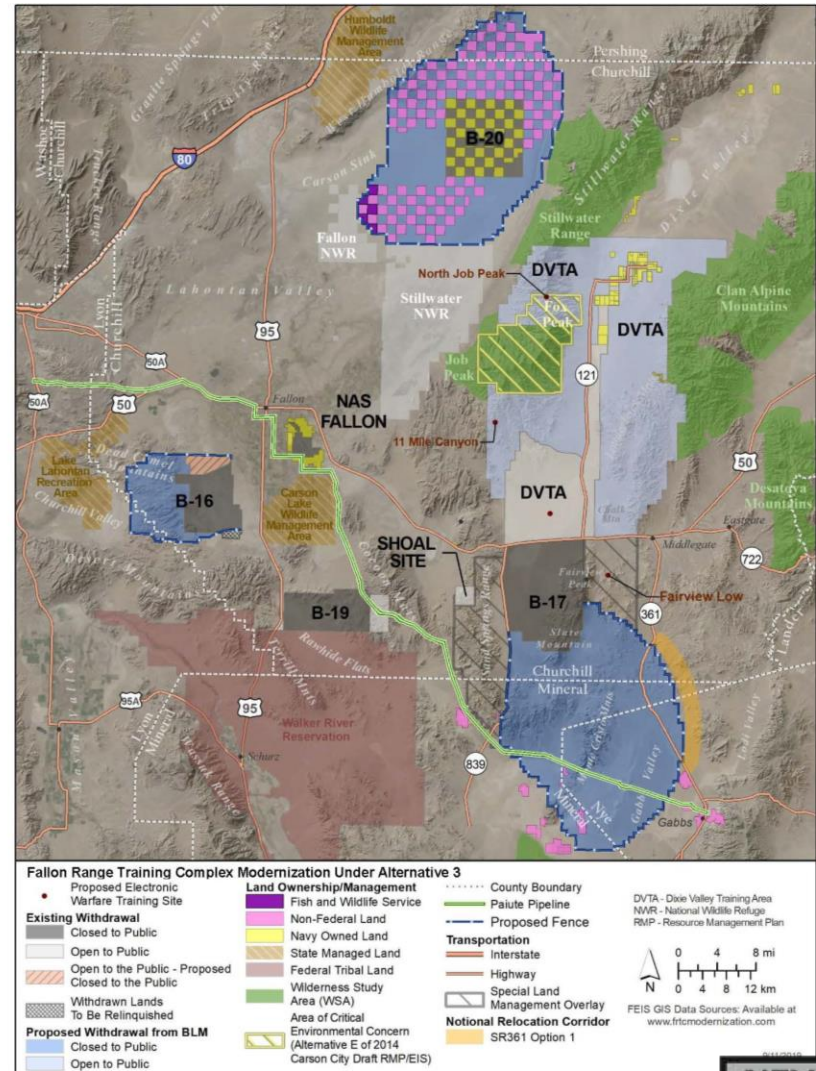
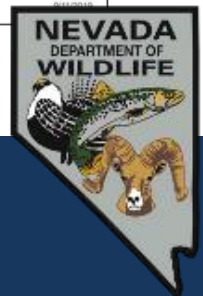


Figure 2-12: Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Under Alternative 3



Alternative 3 – B17

- B-17 expands to south and southeast into the Monte Cristo Range
- No change to State Route 839
- State Route 361 reroute
- Managed access program
- Special Land Management overlay added east and west of B-17 range – under BLM jurisdiction

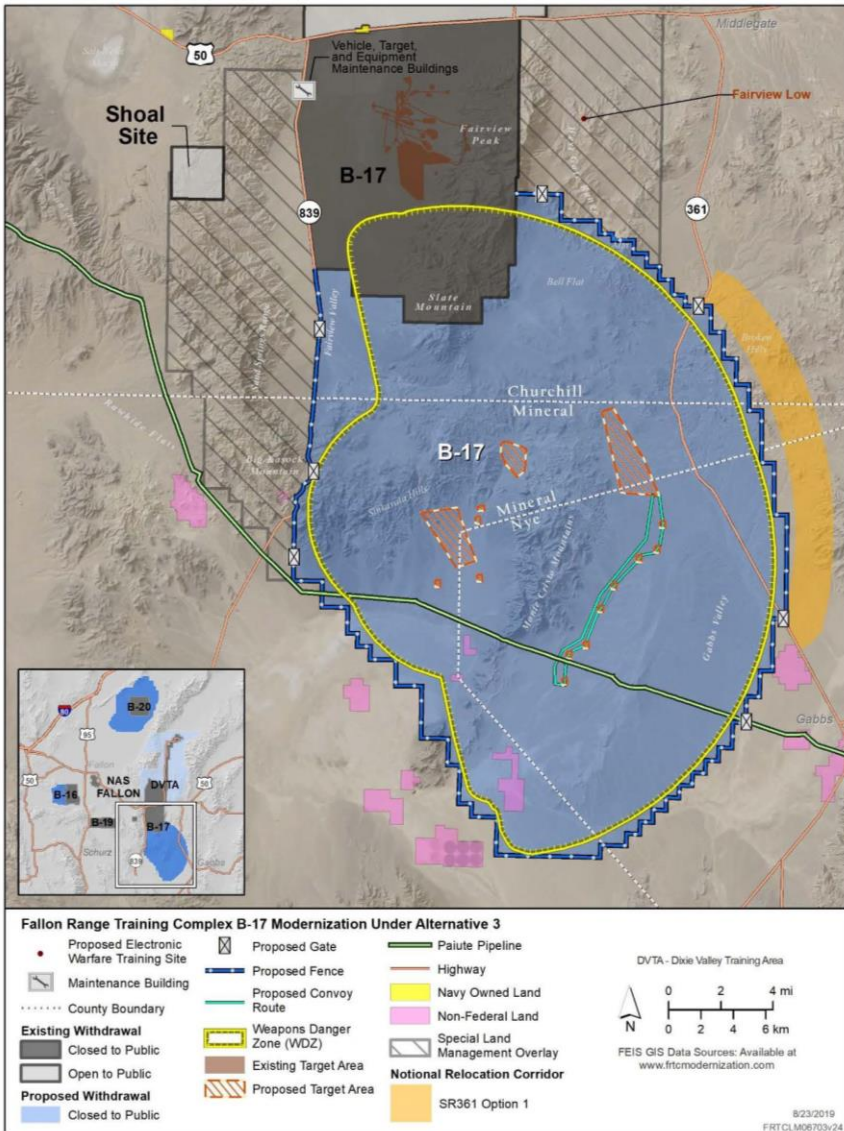
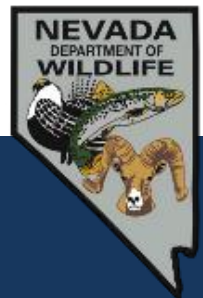
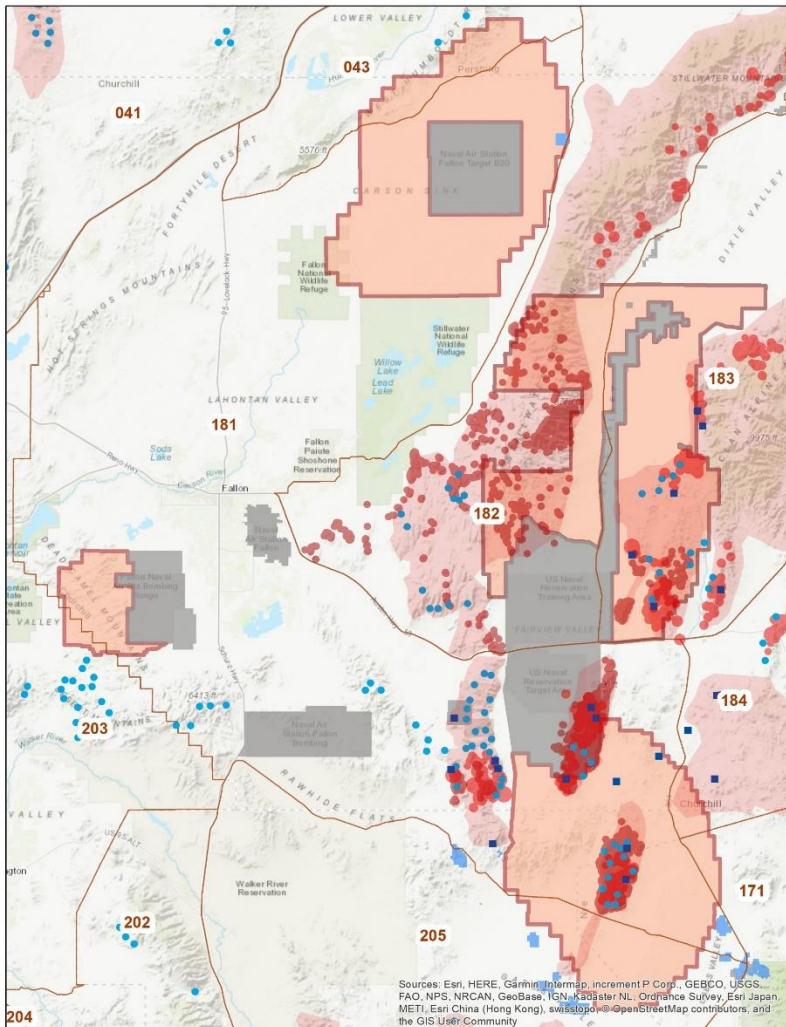


Figure 2-16: Fallon Range Training Complex B-17 Modernization Under Alternative 3

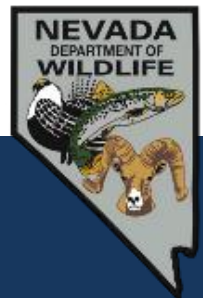


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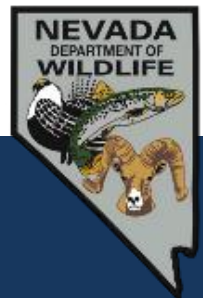
Bighorn Sheep Impacts

- 2 Sheep herds and 18 guzzlers with Restricted Access (Slate/Fairview and Monte Cristo)
- 2 Sheep herds and 14 guzzlers impacted but accessible (Stillwater and Clan Alpine)
- Restricted Access dependent on Managed Access Plan



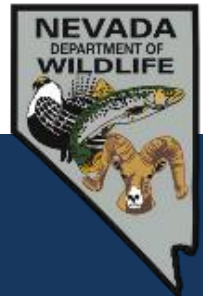
Fallon Naval Air Station – NDAA Language

- **Sec. 2982** – Agreement between Navy and NDOW that provides for a minimum of 15 days each year for big game hunting on portions of the B-17 range consistent with military training requirements
- Navy will avoid target placement within biologically sensitive areas, as mapped in the 2020 ROD and ensures that access is provided for wildlife management and other special or emergency uses.
- Target placement prohibited within the Monte Cristo Range Protection Area
- **Sec. 2983** – Tracked ordinance landing outside target areas is removed within 180 days (45 days inside the Monte Cristo Protection Area)
- **Sec. 2985** – Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan
 - Coordinate and manage access for wildlife management and hunting
 - Navy shall prevent, suppress, manage, and rehabilitate wildfire, including on lands outside the withdrawal when caused by military activities
 - Navy may obligate appropriated funds for fire management agreements and reimbursements to the Secretary of Interior for fire-related costs



Fallon Naval Air Station – NDAA Language

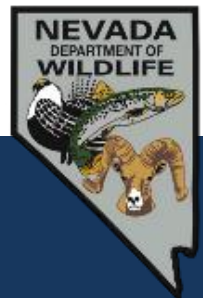
- **Sec. 2991** – Major Road Access: Simpson Road, East County Road, Earthquake Fault Road, and Fairview Peak Road. Minor Road Access: certain county roads within withdrawal will be maintained for managed access – important for bighorn hunt on range and wildlife/habitat resource management.
- **Sec. 2992** – Sage Grouse Noise Study on affects to sage grouse from military overflights. Adaptive management shall be implemented if significant impacts are documented
- **Sec. 2995** – Reduce impact and mitigate FRTC expansion by:
 - Allowing NDOW access for spring and water development monitoring and maintenance
 - Develop and implement a wildland fire management plan – prevention, suppression, and restoration, as appropriate
 - Avoid target placement in biologically sensitive areas
- Changes documented in Churchill County Proposed Map (Nov. 30, 2022) and Lander County Wilderness Areas Proposal Map (April 19,2021)



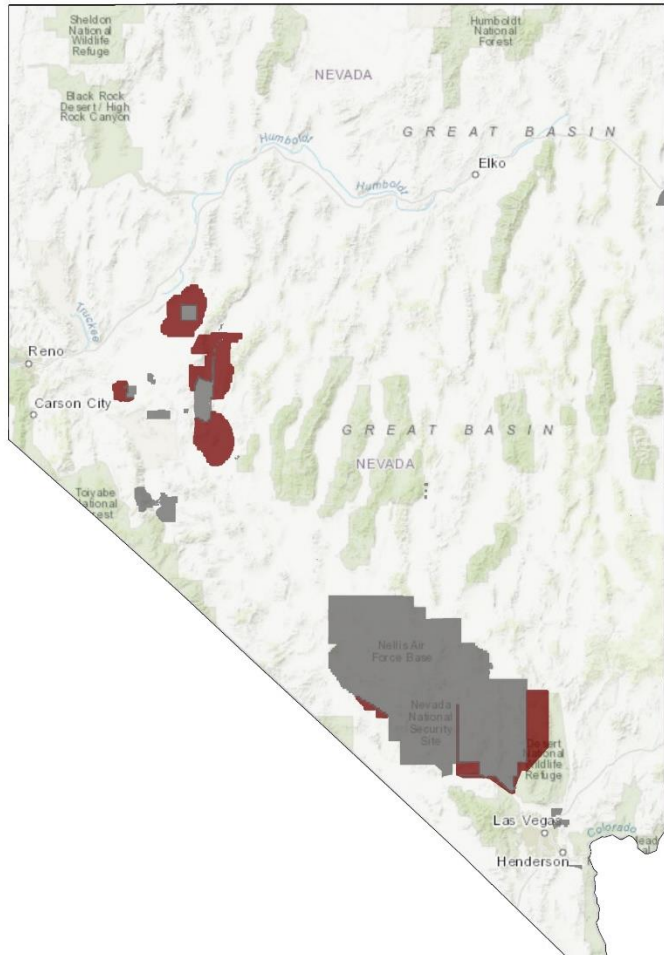
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Special Land Designation Changes (Churchill and Lander Counties)

- Sand Spring Range – 217,845 acres of Numu Newe Special Management Area
- Stillwater Range – 160,224 acres of Numanaa Nobe National Conservation Area (previous WSA)
- Pistone-Black Mountains – 3,415 acres of National Conservation Area (BLM Archeological Area)
- Clan Alpine Mountains Wilderness – 128,362 acres of new Wilderness (previous WSA)
- Desatoya Mountains Wilderness – 40,303 acres of new Wilderness (previous WSA)
- Cain Mountains Wilderness – 14,050 acres of new Wilderness (previous WSA)
- Wildlife Considerations – standard language for wildlife management were included
 - Use of aircraft for wildlife monitoring and management
 - Wildlife water developments

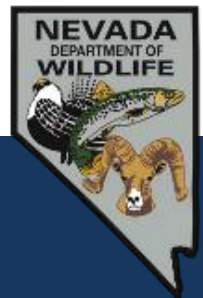


Military Lands in Nevada – Cumulative Effects



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- Nevada = 70.8 million acres
- Current DOD/DOE = 4.24 million acres (6% of NV)
- Proposed DOD/DOE Additions
 - **NTTR ~298,842 acres**
 - FRTC ~790,825 acres (existing and expanded area)
- If proposed withdrawals are finalized, DOD/DOE will control 7.4% of Nevada, making them 3rd largest land manager in the State, following the BLM and USFS.



Fallon Naval Air Station – Next Steps

Navy

- Finalize Managed Access Plan / Bighorn Sheep Hunt Plan
- Finalize Wildland Fire Management Plan
- Continue to maintain partnership with Navy for wildlife management and access
- Continue to seek funding from Navy to implement projects as appropriate
 - Water developments
 - Wildfire prevention and rehabilitation

Bureau of Land Management

- Engage and provide input on management plans for special management areas and National Conservation Areas

