

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (USMC)
PRE-FINAL DRAFT INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN (INRMP), AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADDRESSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2023 INRMP AT U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTERS JACKSONVILLE, FL; CLINTON, PA; SYRACUSE, NY; GALVESTON, TX; BATTLE CREEK, MI; TAMPA, FL; AND BROOKLYN, NY

In accordance with the Sikes Act (16 United States Code [U.S.C. Section 670a et seq.), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. Section 4321 et seq.), Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500–1508), Department of the Navy Regulations for implementing NEPA (32 CFR Part 775), Marine Corps Order 5090.2, and the USMC NEPA Manual (Version 3.4), a Pre-Final Draft Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for the implementation of the 2023 INRMP at Marine Corps Forces Reserve Centers (MARFORRES) Jacksonville, FL; Clinton, PA; Syracuse, NY; Galveston, TX; Battle Creek, MI; Tampa, FL; and Brooklyn, NY, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The Proposed Action is to implement the 2023–2027 MARFORRES INRMP for Jacksonville, Clinton, Syracuse, Galveston, Battle Creek, Tampa, and Brooklyn that fully meets the requirements of the Sikes Act. Per the Sikes Act, the goal of the INRMP is to implement an ecosystem-based conservation program that provides for the conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources in a manner consistent with the military mission. Alternatives considered include implementing the Proposed Action or not implementing the Proposed Action. All interested members of the public, federally recognized Indian Tribes, federal, state, and local agencies are invited to review the two documents and provide feedback. Based on the Draft EA analysis and the coordination with applicable U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Field Offices, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the USMC finds that implementation of the Proposed Action would not significantly impact the quality of the human or natural environment. The Proposed Action would have direct, long-term, beneficial impacts and would cumulatively benefit natural resources; no significant impacts will occur. The Pre-Final Draft INRMP, Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available for review at the following website: --INSERT MARFORRES WEBSITE HERE--.

The deadline for public comment on the Pre-Final Draft INRMP, Draft EA and Draft FONSI is 30 days from 3rd day of NOAA publication (TBD, insert when known)--. Agency, Tribal, and Public comments made during the comment period and the MARFORRES responses will be included in the Final INRMP and Final EA. To submit comments or for more information contact: MARFORRES Public Affairs Office (insert phone number and/or email address here).