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Cindy,
Attached is a copy of the letter we sent. Thanks for all your help.

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Mss. Cherie Trainor
Florida State Clearinghouse
Florida Department of Community Affairs
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Subject: United States Navy Proposal for Fleet Support and Infrastructure Improvements, Naval Air Facility Key West, Florida

Dear Ms. Trainor:

The United States Navy is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Fleet shore infrastructure support upgrades and improvements at the Naval Air Facility (NAF) Key West. The EA will address shore facility support at Truman Annex Harbor and Boca Chica Airfield. The EA will be prepared in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40CFR1500-1508) implementing procedural provisions of the Environmental Policy Act, 42U.S.C. 4331, et. Seq. The purpose for this proposed action is to provide adequate shore facility support for modern naval assets. This may result in an increase in surface and aviation operating unit visits to NAF Key West. The need for the proposed action is to modernize (increase) ship and aircraft support capacity at NAF Key West. Modern support capacity is needed at NAF Key West, and other areas, to allow the Navy to fulfill its readiness.

The Proposed Action to be addressed is a group of projects to provide improved or additional capability essential to support services for transient units at NAF Key West. An anticipated result of any proposed projects would be increased flight operations at Boca Chica Airfield and increased port visits for maintenance or port-calls by various naval craft that might include frigates, cruisers, and destroyers. Infrastructure and facilities improvements to support aviation and surface units would include limited new construction as well as adapting or upgrading existing structures for more modern combatants. Specific areas would include construction of an addition to the operations center; Truman Harbor security improvements; utility improvements for the mole pier at Truman Harbor; Truman Annex maintenance facility repairs; and dredging in Truman Harbor, the turning basin outside the mole pier, and for the length of the main channel, as necessary. Some additional readiness support equipment and operating personnel such as harbor craft, retrievers or opposition forces (OPFOR) are included within this alternative. The Proposed Action also includes retention of approximately 16 acres of property at Truman Annex.

The alternatives to be addressed include No Action – do not perform the support upgrades and mole pier retention; and Full Support Services – provides maximum capability at the Boca Chica Airfield and Truman Annex.

In preparing the EA we are collecting and analyzing existing environmental and socioeconomic data as well as identifying potential impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed action. We request your input to identify any significant environmental and socioeconomic issues within the realm of your agency's mission that should be addressed in our document.

Because of the nature of the proposed action, the Navy believes that no adverse impacts to the Florida coastal zone will result from the implementation of the proposed action. Any and all permits, such as a joint wetlands permit from FDEP and the Corps of Engineers will be obtained as appropriate. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Will Sloger directly at 843-820-5797) or by e-mail at slogerwr@efdsouth.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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