



U.S. ARMY



Land Withdrawal Extension

Legislative EIS Virtual Agency Meeting

**U.S. Army Garrison
Alaska**



Welcome

Legislative Environmental Impact Statement for Land Withdrawal Extension at U.S. Army Garrison Alaska Agency Scoping Meeting

Meeting Purpose:

- ✓ Learn about the purpose and need for the land withdrawal extension
- ✓ Learn about the No Action Alternative
- ✓ Submit scoping comments regarding the land withdrawal extension





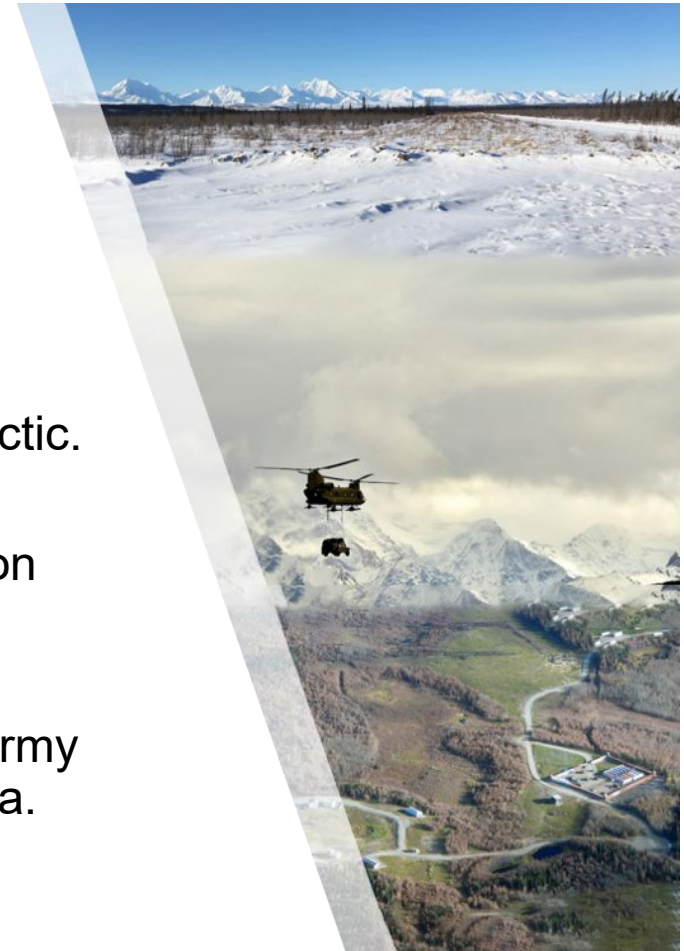
The Purpose and Need

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The purpose of the Proposed Action is to obtain an extension of the land withdrawal of the three training areas for 25 years or more, or have the land assigned to the control of the Secretary of the Army until such time as the Army determines it no longer needs the lands for military purposes.

The Need

- ✓ Produce a force trained to be successful anywhere in the world, including arctic and subarctic.
- ✓ Coordinate and conduct operation with the U.S. Air Force.
- ✓ Fulfill the U.S. Army mission in Alaska.





Who else is involved?

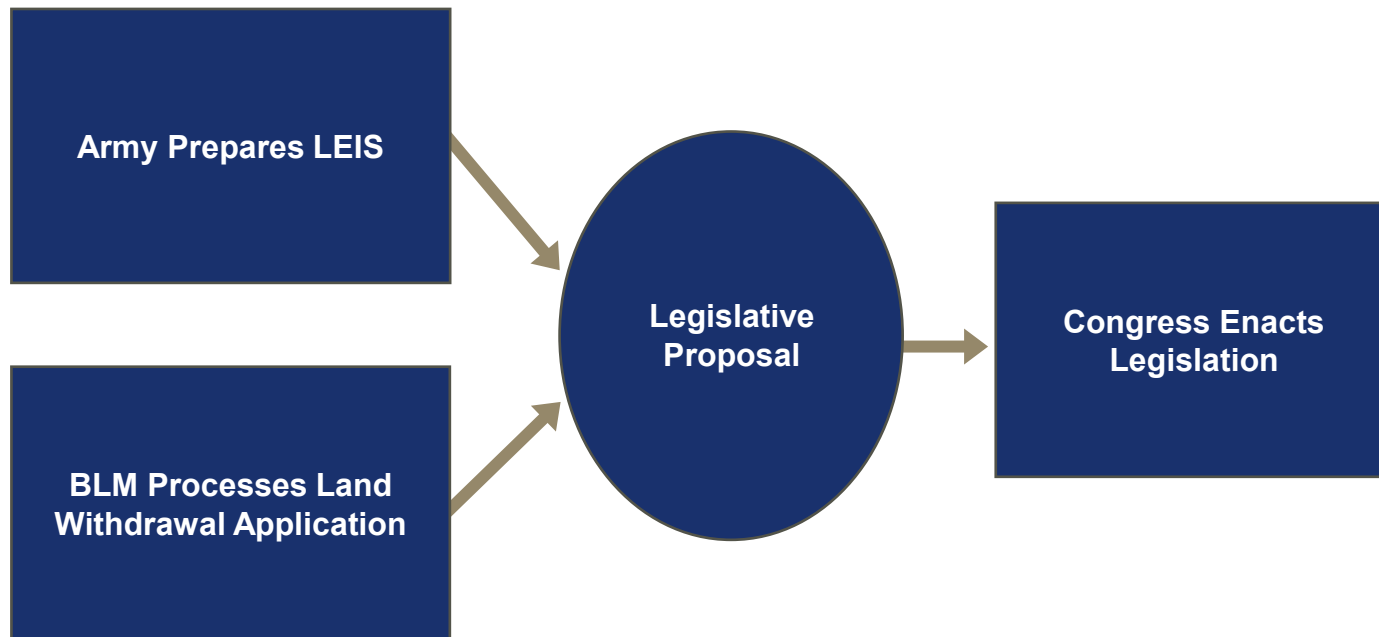
The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a cooperating agency for the LEIS and is actively participating in its development and review.

The Army will coordinate with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, Alaska Native tribes, and other members of the public about the proposed land withdrawal extension.





What is the overall LEIS Process?



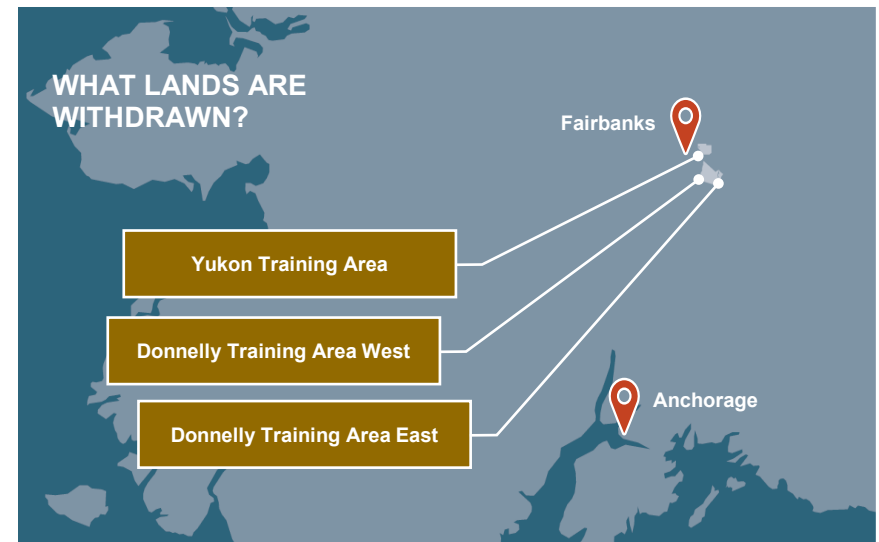


U.S. Army Garrison Alaska Land Withdrawal Extension

Current withdrawal of
869,862 acres expires in 2026:

- Yukon Training Area
- Donnelly Training Area West
- Donnelly Training Area East

The Army has determined that there is a continuing military need.



Congressional approval of a legislative proposal is required.





Alternatives Considered

Extending the Withdrawal for 25 Years or More

This action would involve submitting a formal legislative proposal to Congress to extend the current withdrawal for 25 years or more, or have the lands assigned to the control of the Secretary of the Army until such time as the Army determines it no longer needs the land for military purposes.

Taking No Action

No formal legislation would be submitted to Congress and the lands would no longer be available for military use after November 6, 2026. Jurisdiction of non-contaminated land would revert to the BLM according to the guidelines presented in Public Law 106-65.





Primary Resources Evaluated

Recreation

Air quality

Soil

Biological resources

Cultural resources

Hazardous materials

Subsistence
uses according to the
Alaska National Interest
Lands Conservation Act
Section 810

Noise

Water quality

Wildland fire

Airspace

Wildlife

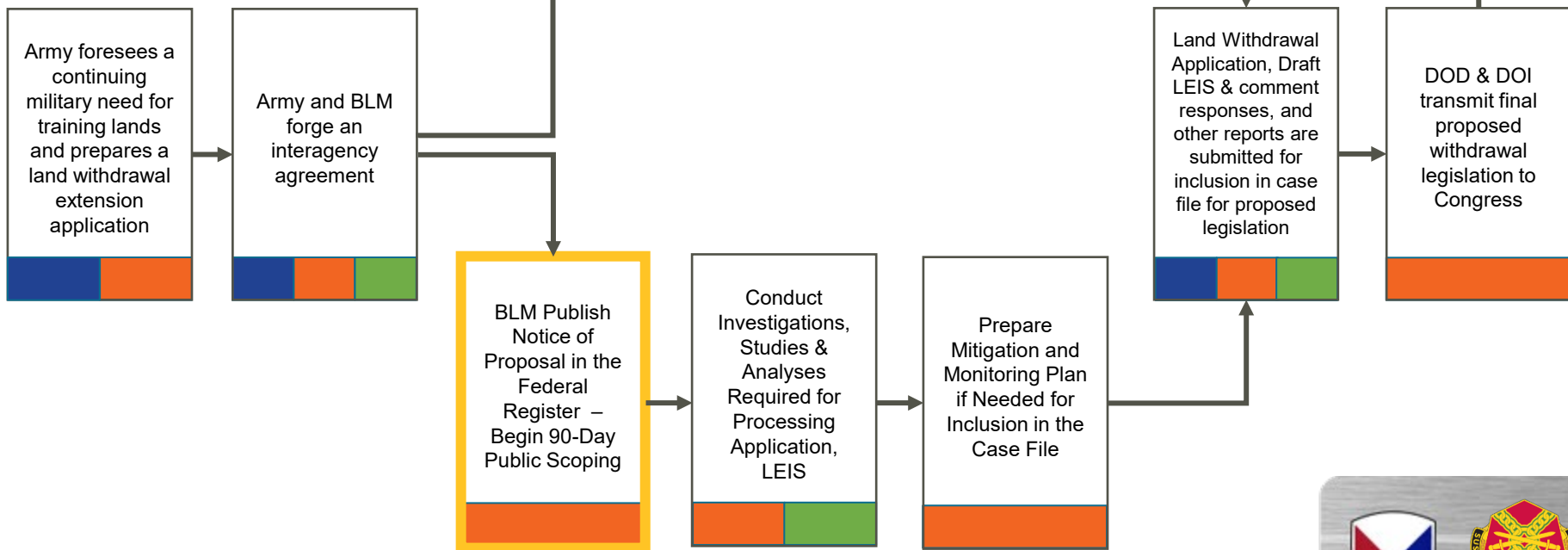
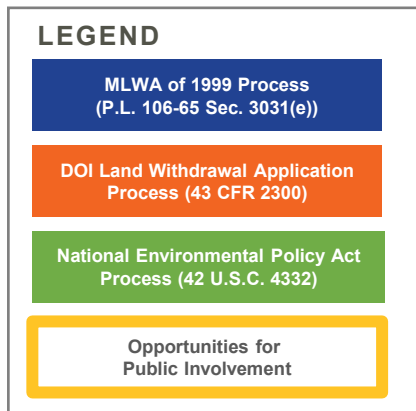
Wetlands

Traffic and
transportation





Detailed LEIS Process





We want to hear from you!

TODAY:

Verbal comments:

Spoken and recorded at this meeting

LATER:

Email comments to:

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The formal comment period ends on October 25, 2021.





End of Presentation

Thank you for joining us this morning.

