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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR PROPOSED WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLAN AT MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 United States Code (USC) §§ 4321-4370h, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508, and Marine Corps Order (MCO) P5090.2A, Change 3, Chapter 12, dated 26 August 2013, Environmental Compliance and Protection Manual an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for the Proposed Wildfire Prevention Plan at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The Proposed Action will be implemented over a 10-year planning cycle to manage wildland fuels using three treatment methods (i.e., prescribed burns, a firebreak system, and fuel thinning) to reduce the spread of wildfires. Prescribed burns would also improve the ecological function of grasslands by enhancing habitat for federally listed species and reducing invasive plants to meet Base land management objectives. Implementation would also reduce the risk of wildfire ignitions, reduce wildfire intensity, and prevent wildfires from impacting highly valued resources (i.e., human life, property, sensitive vegetation, federally listed species, cultural resources, and off-Base resources) while maintaining the required military training tempo. Based on the EA analysis, the preferred alternative will have negligible direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts on the quality of the environment and will comply with all regulatory requirements; no significant impacts will occur.

An online copy of the Final EA and FONSI can be found at:

<https://www.pendleton.marines.mil/Staff-Agencies/Environmental-Security/Document-Library/Environmental-Planning-Documents/> Questions or comments on the EA should be submitted to:

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