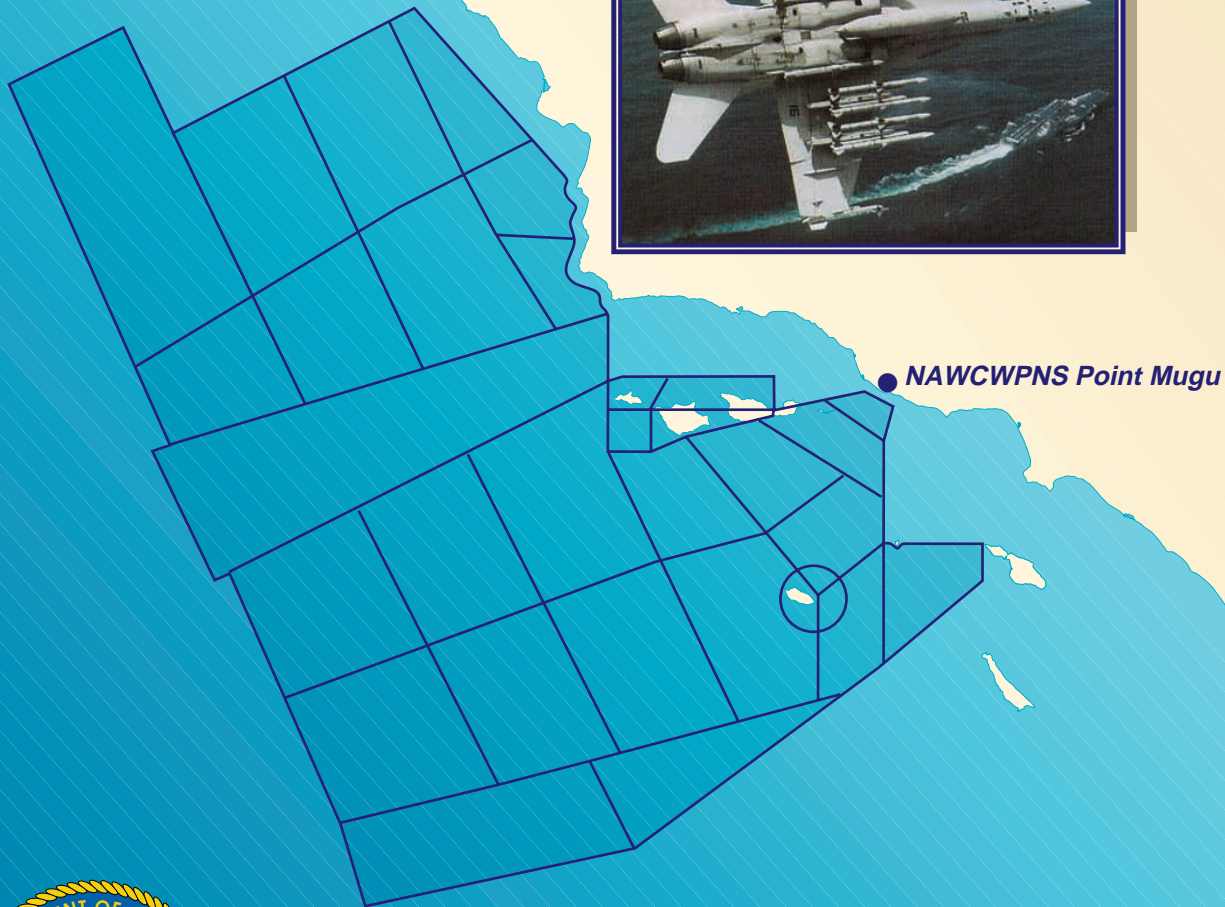


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POINT MUGU SEA RANGE**

Lead Agency for the EIS/OEIS: Department of the Navy

Title of Proposed Action: Accommodate TMD Testing and Training, Additional Training Exercises, and Facility Modernization at the NAWCWPNS Point Mugu Sea Range

Affected Jurisdictions: Ventura, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Orange, San Diego, and San Luis Obispo Counties

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Abstract

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWPNS) Point Mugu is located in Ventura County along the Pacific Coast of Southern California and includes a 36,000 square mile Sea Range. The NAWCWPNS Point Mugu Sea Range currently supports test and evaluation of sea, land, and air weapons systems as well as various categories of training activities. NAWCWPNS Point Mugu proposes to accommodate Theater Missile Defense (TMD) testing and training and to accommodate an increase in the current level of both Fleet training exercises and special warfare training. In addition, NAWCWPNS Point Mugu proposes to modernize facilities at Naval Air Station (NAS) Point Mugu and San Nicolas Island to enhance the Sea Range's capability to support existing and future operations. Three alternatives are analyzed in this EIS/OEIS: the No Action Alternative—continuation of current test and training activities; the Minimum Components Alternative—meets the purpose and need of the proposed action while minimizing the number of components that would be implemented; and the Preferred Alternative—proposed action for the TMD, training, and facility modernization elements.

This EIS/OEIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S. Code [U.S.C.] § 4321 et seq.); the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations [C.F.R.] Parts 1500-1508); Department of the Navy Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (32 C.F.R. 775); and Executive Order 12114 (EO 12114), *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*. Potential environmental consequences of the proposed action have been analyzed for the following resources: geology and soils; air quality; noise; water quality; marine biology; fish and sea turtles; marine mammals; terrestrial biology; cultural resources; land use; traffic; socioeconomics; hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, and non-hazardous wastes; and public safety. No significant, unmitigable environmental impacts of the Preferred Alternative were identified.

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