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Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE POINT MUGU SEA RANGE
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The U.S. Navy, after carefully weighing the strategic, operational, and environmental consequences of the Proposed Action, is announcing its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative, Alternative 1, to continue military readiness activities and increase research, development, acquisition, testing, evaluation, and training activities in the Point Mugu Sea Range as described in the Point Mugu Sea Range Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). Implementation of Alternative 1 will allow the Navy to fully meet current and future testing and training requirements.

The Navy made this decision after considering military testing and training objectives; best available science; potential impacts activities may have on human, natural, and cultural environments; and input and expertise from elected officials, government agencies, tribes, nongovernmental organizations, and the public on the proposal and environmental analysis.

The Record of Decision and completion of the Final EIS/OEIS follow years of research, analysis, stakeholder and tribal engagement, and public involvement. The Navy welcomed public involvement and input on the scope of the analysis during the 2018 scoping process. Additionally, the Navy requested public review and comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS during the 2020 public review period. Comments received from the public, government agencies and officials, and tribes during the Draft EIS/OEIS public review and comment period were considered, and the Navy's responses to those comments were included in the Final EIS/OEIS.

Changes made in the Final EIS/OEIS reflected the Navy's consideration of all substantive public comments received, information provided during ongoing regulatory consultation processes, and new, relevant information and updated scientific literature published since the release of the Draft EIS/OEIS. The Navy also considered comments received following the publication of the Final EIS/OEIS. New substantive comments are addressed in the Record of Decision.

The Navy's Proposed Action is to continue military readiness activities and increase testing and training activities that are the same as or similar to those currently occurring within the Point Mugu Sea Range. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide modern instrumented

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airspace, sea space, testing and training areas, testing and training facilities, and range infrastructure to support current, emerging, and foreseeable future testing and training requirements. The Navy is committed to being a good steward of the environment and will continue to implement mitigation measures and standard operating procedures to avoid or reduce potential environmental impacts from testing and training.

The Navy is committed to providing the public an accessible version of the Record of Decision. If you need assistance accessing the document, please email info@pmsr-eis.com. The Record of Decision, Final EIS/OEIS, and supporting documents are available online at www.pmsr-eis.com. Printed copies of the Final EIS/OEIS are also available for viewing at the Camarillo, Carpinteria, E.P. Foster (Ventura), San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, South Oxnard, and Oxnard Downtown Main public libraries.

If you have questions, require additional information, or would like to request a CD-ROM of the Record of Decision, please contact the EIS/OEIS project manager at:

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Sincerely,



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