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368 RECRUITING SQUADRON FACILITY**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### PURPOSE AND NEED

The 368<sup>th</sup> RCS is the Headquarters for recruiting stations in seven (7) surrounding states, with 54 recruiting stations located in various cities. The 368<sup>th</sup> has responsibility for management of these stations. There is no active recruiting done on Hill Air Force Base (AFB) from these personnel. The 368<sup>th</sup> Air Force Recruiting Squadron Headquarters is currently housed in building 1532, which is slated for demolition in Fiscal Year (FY) 04. Building 1532 is a temporary modular facility located east of the 1200 zone. Construction of a new squadron headquarters on Hill AFB is in keeping with Department of Defense (DOD) directives and Project Bold Venture, a congressional program that advocates keeping all recruiting squadron headquarters facilities on military installations for security as well as economic reasons. The proposal includes construction of a 4800 square foot (SF) facility with adjacent parking lot for 30 vehicles.

### SELECTION CRITERIA AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The following selection criteria were established:

- Have sufficient space to adequately house all required personnel
- Be sited on a military installation for security and economic reasons
- Be protective of facilities, human health and the environment
- Have sufficient capacity to meet the storage needs of the squadron

**Acquire a facility off base for use by the squadron.** This alternative would not be in keeping with the congressional program Bold Venture, which advocates maintaining recruiting headquarters on military installations where possible. In addition, money was available for construction and was a better economic move than recurring costs from rental or lease of space and didn't meet the selection criteria. **Relocate the squadron in an existing facility.** There is a space availability shortage on Hill AFB. There isn't a facility that meets the needs of the squadron available at this time. Neither of these alternatives was retained for further consideration.

**Proposed Action:** Construct a 4800 SF facility north of the 1200 zone buildings and west of Building 1147 in the southwestern portion of Hill AFB. The area under

consideration is an open field north of the 1200 zone buildings. A 30 vehicle parking lot is part of the proposal.

**Alternative 1: Construct the facility in a different area.** An open area east of Building 1283 is also under consideration for construction of the facility. This area will be evaluated as a viable alternative action.

**No Action Alternative:** Under the No Action alternative, the 368<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Squadron would not move from Building 1532. This alternative is not acceptable to the Air Force or Squadron personnel, and does not meet required selection criteria.

## **IMPACT ON RESOURCES**

The proposed construction is not expected to contact or disturb any cultural resources (defined as archaeological, architectural, or traditional cultural properties). If suspected cultural resources are observed during any Hill AFB construction project, work in the immediate vicinity stops, and the Hill AFB Cultural Resources Manager implements inadvertent discovery procedures in accordance with the Hill AFB *Draft Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan*. Demolition of Building 1532 impacts were analyzed in a previous EA (*Environmental Assessment FY2003/2004 Demolitions, URS August 2003*). There were no significant adverse effects expected from demolition of the facility. The proposed action will disturb less than ¼ acre. Since the project would disturb less than 1 acre of land, a stormwater construction permit is not required.

Hill AFB has completed remedial investigations in the vicinity of the proposed action according to the conditions of a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Specific discussions for ongoing CERCLA activities and requirements related to the proposed action are presented in Sections 3 and 4 of this document.

The contractor will be required to have a water truck on site as needed especially during dry and windy weather for the purpose of dust suppression. In accordance with the

*Fugitive Dust Control Plan for Hill Air Force Base, September 2003*, all measures used to control fugitive dust from construction activities will be documented and maintained on file at the facility for a period of five (5) years.

The proposed construction is not expected to generate any wastes that are regulated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) or similar law. Hazardous wastes at Hill AFB are routinely and properly handled in accordance with RCRA regulations, Utah hazardous waste management regulations contained in the Utah Administrative Code (UAC) Section 315-1, and the *Hill AFB Hazardous Waste Management Plan*.

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## **List of Acronyms**

AFB	Air Force Base
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DAQ	Division of Air Quality
DOD	Department of Defense
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FFA	Federal Facilities Agreement
FY	Fiscal Year
IRP	Installation Restoration Program
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NO <sub>x</sub>	Oxides of Nitrogen
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Pb	Lead
PM	Particulate Matter
PM-10	Particulate Matter less than 10 microns
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
SO <sub>2</sub>	Sulfur Dioxide
SF	Square Foot
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
UAC	Utah Administrative Code
US	United States
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound



# **Environmental Assessment for Construction of 368<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Squadron Headquarters Building**

## **Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action**

### **1.0 Introduction**

The 368<sup>th</sup> RCS is the Headquarters for recruiting stations in seven (7) surrounding states, with 54 recruiting stations located in various cities. The 368<sup>th</sup> has responsibility for management of these stations. There is no active recruiting done on Hill Air Force Base (AFB) from these personnel. The 368<sup>th</sup> Air Force Recruiting Squadron Headquarters is currently housed in building 1532, which is slated for demolition in Fiscal Year (FY) 04. Building 1532 is a temporary modular facility located east of the 1200 zone. Construction of a new squadron headquarters on Hill AFB is in keeping with Department of Defense (DOD) directives and Project Bold Venture, a congressional program that advocates keeping all recruiting squadron headquarters facilities on military installations for security as well as economic reasons. The proposal includes construction of a 4800 square foot (SF) facility with adjacent parking lot for 30 vehicles.

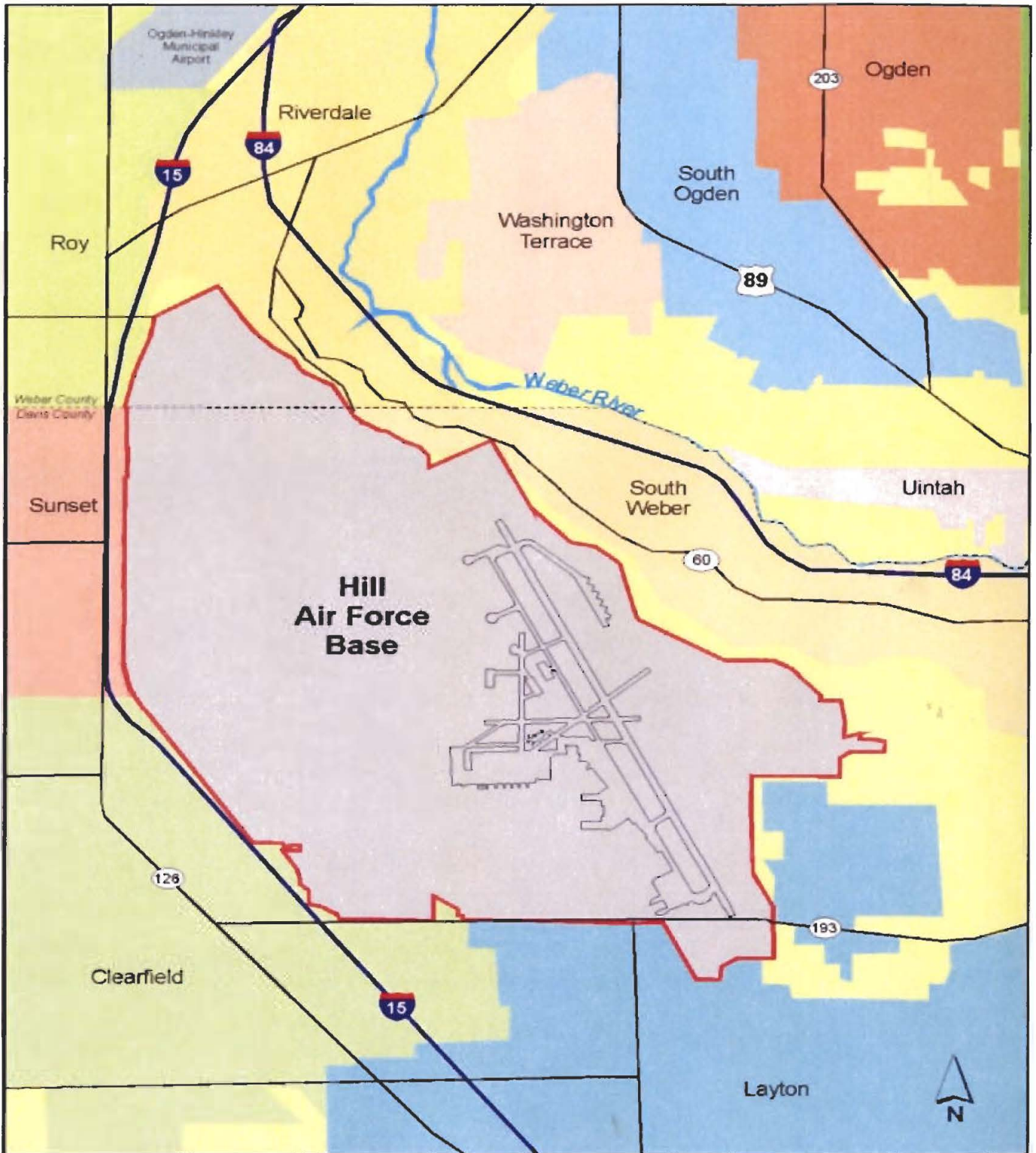
### **1.1 Location of Proposed Action**

Hill AFB is located in northern Utah, approximately 25 miles north of Salt Lake City and five (5) miles south of Ogden as shown on Map 1. Hill AFB occupies approximately 6,700 acres in Davis and Weber counties. Highway 193 forms the southern boundary and Interstate 15, the western boundary. The Proposed Action would occur in the western portion of the base, north of Building 1135 in a vacant lot.

### **1.2 Purpose and Need for Proposed Action**

The Proposed action would respond to the following needs:

- Relocation of the Squadron to a more accessible area
- Construction of a facility that meets current DOD requirements



**Map 1**  
**Hill Air Force Base and Surrounding Communities**

- Demolition of an outdated temporary facility
- Construction of a facility in keeping with congressional programs to meet security needs

Purposes of the proposed action include:

- Provide a new facility for the Squadron
- Enhanced security of the facility

### **1.3 Scope of the Environmental Review**

The scope of this Environmental Assessment (EA) is to define issues that potentially impact the decision to construct the new recruiting squadron facility. The following potential issues have been identified and will be discussed in Sections 3 and 4 of this EA: air quality and Installation Restoration Program (IRP).

The areas identified as potentially eligible for construction are not part of an IRP site. No species of plants or animals listed as endangered or threatened are known to occur on Hill AFB. Environmental effects of the proposed action, Alternative 1, and the no action alternative were evaluated.

### **1.4 Applicable Regulations and Permits**

Throughout the construction phase of the project, Hill AFB personnel will adhere to Air Force Safety Standards, while Air Force contractors follow safety guidelines of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations as outlined in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Title 29 Part 1926.

The proposed action will disturb less than ¼ acre. Since the project would disturb less than 1 acre of land, a stormwater construction permit is not required.

The proposed construction is not expected to contact or disturb any cultural resources (defined as archaeological, architectural, or traditional cultural properties). If suspected cultural resources are observed during any Hill AFB construction project, work in the

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## **2.0 Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives**

### **2.1 Description of the Proposed Action**

The 368<sup>th</sup> RCS is currently housed in a temporary facility, building 1532, northeast of the 1200 zone. In keeping with DOD directives and Project Bold Venture, a congressional program that advocates keeping recruiting squadron headquarters on military installations for economic and security reasons, a new facility would be constructed in an open area on Hill AFB. The 4800 square foot facility would provide professional workspace for 27 military personnel and include a warehouse type section on one end for storage of bulk materials that are received and divided among the 54 outlying recruiting stations. The proposal includes parking for 30 vehicles. The area under consideration is north of the 1200 zone buildings, west of Building 1147.

### **2.2 Selection Criteria**

The following selection criteria were established:

- Have sufficient space to adequately house all required personnel
- Be sited on a military installation for security and economic reasons
- Be protective of facilities, human health and the environment
- Have sufficient capacity to meet the storage needs of the squadron

### **2.3 Alternatives for the Proposed Action**

- Acquire a facility off base for use by the squadron
- Relocate the squadron in an existing facility
- Construct the facility in a different area
- No Action Alternative – stay where they are in Building 1532

### **2.4 Alternatives Eliminated from Further Consideration**

**2.4.1 Acquire a facility off base for use by the squadron.** This alternative would not be in keeping with the congressional program Bold Venture, which advocates maintaining recruiting headquarters on military installations where possible. In addition,

money was available for construction and was a better economic move than recurring costs from rental or lease of space.

**2.4.2 Relocate the squadron in an existing facility.** There is a space availability shortage on Hill AFB. There isn't a facility that meets the needs of the squadron available at this time.

**2.5 Proposed Action:** Construct a 4800 SF facility north of the 1200 zone buildings and west of Building 1147 in the southwestern portion of Hill AFB. The area under consideration is an open field north of the 1200 zone buildings. A 30 vehicle parking lot is part of the proposal. (Map 2)

**2.6 Alternative 1: Construct the facility in a different area.** An open area east of Building 1283 is also under consideration for construction of the facility. This area will be evaluated as a viable alternative action. (Map 3)

**2.7 No Action Alternative:** Under the No Action alternative, the 368<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Squadron would not move from Building 1532. This alternative is not acceptable to the Air Force or Squadron personnel, and does not meet required selection criteria.



**Map 2**  
**Location of Proposed Action**



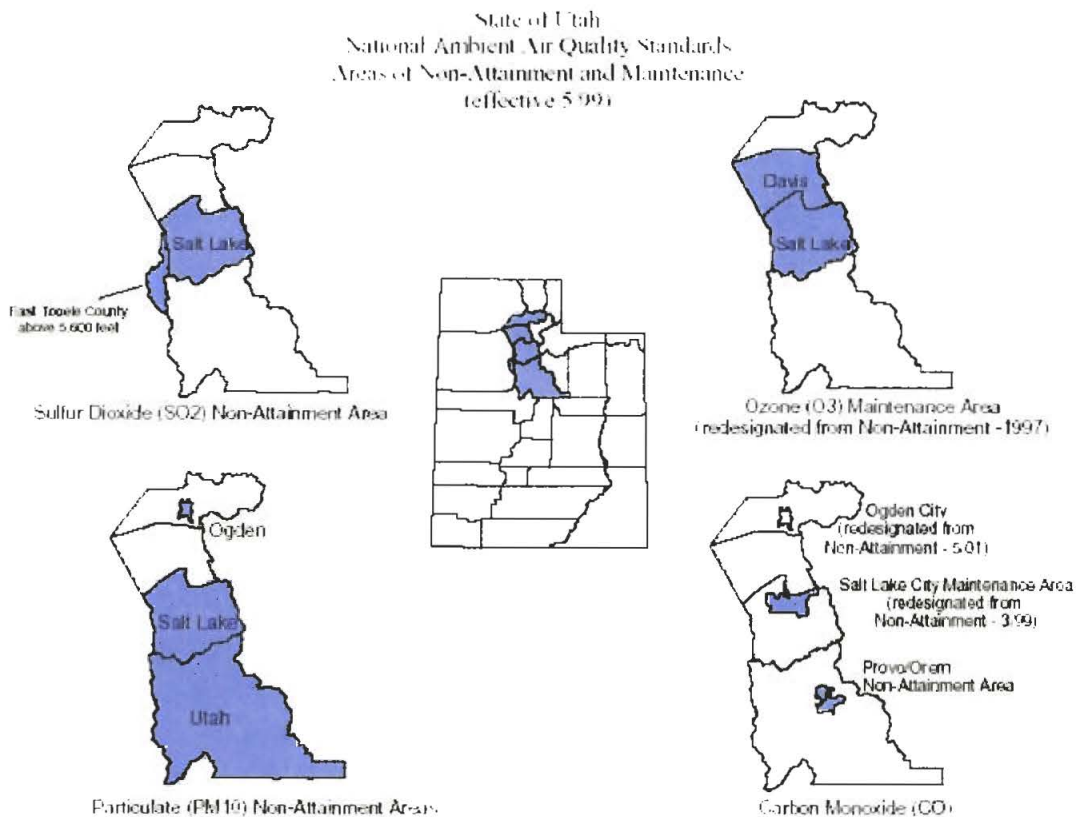


**Map 3**  
**Location of Alternative 1**



### 3.0 Existing Environment

**3.1 Air Quality** Hill AFB is located in Davis and Weber Counties, Utah. Neither county is in complete attainment status with federal clean air standards (Figure 4). Nonattainment areas fail to meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for one or more of the criteria pollutants: oxides of nitrogen ( $\text{NO}_x$ ), sulfur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ), ozone ( $\text{O}_3$ ), particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM-10), carbon monoxide (CO), and lead (Pb). Davis County was upgraded from an ozone non-attainment area to a maintenance area, effective 1997. Current status according to the Utah Division of Air Quality (DAQ 2002) for the City of Ogden in Weber County (approximately 7 miles north of the proposed action) is designation as a non-attainment area for PM-10 and a maintenance area for CO.



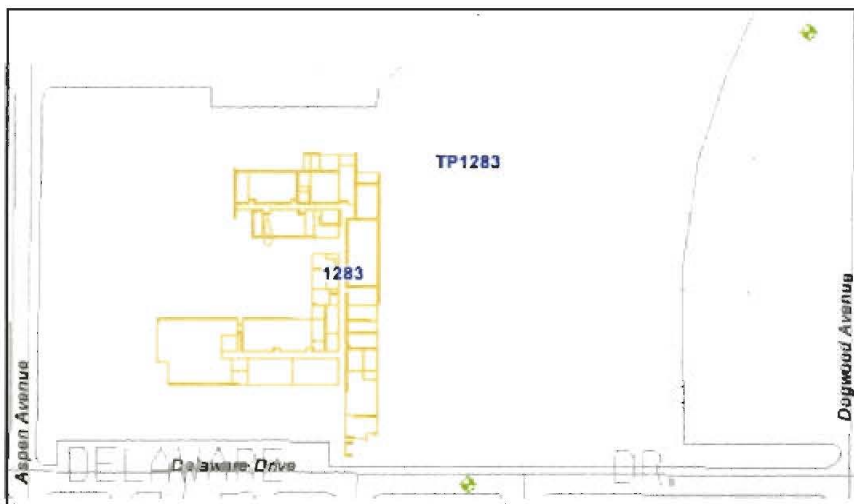
**Figure 1: State of Utah National Ambient Air Quality Standards, Areas of Nonattainment and Maintenance (Effective 5/99)**

### 3.2 Installation Restoration Program

The soils in the vicinity of the proposed area have not been sampled, but there is no reason to believe there is any contamination present. Groundwater sampling in the vicinity of the proposed area has been tested and determined to be uncontaminated. In the Alternative 1 area, soil sampling showed trace metal contamination in the area and groundwater contamination was not identified. As always any excavation in a former industrial area presents the potential to encounter contaminated soil. If any unusual odors or soil discoloration is observed during excavation or trenching EMR will be notified. EMR will also be notified if any monitoring points are encountered.

#### **East of Bldg 1283:**

The area east of building 1283 has been investigated by EMR. Soil sampling in the area showed trace metals contamination in the area. Groundwater contamination was not identified.



**As always, any excavation in a formal industrial area presents the potential to encounter contaminated soil. Please contact EMR if unusual odors or soil discoloration is observed during any excavation or trenching necessary to complete this project, or if any monitoring points are encountered.**

## **4.0 Environmental Consequences**

### **4.1 Air Quality**

#### **4.1.1 Impacts of the Proposed Action**

Short term air quality impacts of the proposed action would be related to generation of PM-10 (particulate matter less than 10 microns) during excavation, backfill, and general construction operations, and construction equipment emissions during the same time period. Emissions of PM-10 would be produced as soil is disturbed during proposed construction activities. The United States (US) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has estimated that fugitive dust emissions from construction activities produce 0.11 tons of PM-10 per acre per month (EPA 1996). The proposed action would involve approximately 1 week of excavation and backfill activities for approximately 0.25 acres being disturbed during construction of buried power lines, foundations, and pavement. Fugitive dust emissions of 0.007 tons of PM-10 were therefore calculated for the proposed action. To mitigate emissions of fugitive dust, the construction contractor would be required to have a water truck on site as needed during dry and windy weather for the purpose of dust suppression and reducing the emissions of PM-10.

The internal combustion engines of heavy equipment would also generate emissions of PM-10, VOCs, NO<sub>x</sub>, and CO. Fugitive emissions from construction activities should be mitigated according to *Utah Administrative Code, Rule R307-205, Emission Standards: Fugitive Emissions and Fugitive Dust*. Good housekeeping practices should be used to maintain construction opacity at less than 20 percent. Haul roads should be kept wet, and any soil that is deposited on nearby paved roads by construction vehicles should be removed from the roads and returned to the site or appropriate disposal area.

**4.1.2 Impacts of Alternative 1** The impacts cited in the Proposed Action are the same for Alternative 1. There are steam pipes located along the edge of the property, (Delaware Dr.) which may need to be relocated. Although environmentally it poses no significant impact, the pipes may need to be relocated to allow for ingress and egress from the building depending on actual location of the facility.

**4.1.3 No Action Alternative** There would be no new environmental impacts to air quality from implementing the No Action alternative.

**4.1.4 Cumulative Impacts** There are no cumulative impacts to air quality associated with the Proposed Action, Alternative 1 or the No Action Alternative.

## **4.2 Installation Restoration Program**

**4.2.1 Proposed Action** No soil samples have been taken at the proposed site, but groundwater sampling has been clean. There is no reason to believe that contamination is present in the area.

**4.2.2 Alternative 1** The area east of Building 1283 has been investigated by EMR. Soil sampling in the area showed trace metals contamination in the area. Groundwater contamination has not been identified. Trace metal contamination in this area doesn't preclude construction in this area.

**4.2.3 No Action** There would be no new environmental impacts associated with the implementation of this alternative.

**4.2.4 Cumulative Impacts**      There is no indication that there would be any cumulative impacts to the environment from implementation of any of the alternatives or the Proposed Action.

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## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**NAME OF ACTION:** Construct a facility for the 368<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Squadron on Hill Air Force Base (AFB), Utah.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION**

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**SELECTION CRITERIA :** The following selection criteria were established to select alternatives. The new recruiting facility should:

- Be sited on a military installation for security and economic reasons
- Be protective of facilities, human health and the environment
- Have sufficient capacity to meet the storage needs of the squadron
- Have sufficient space to adequately house all required personnel



## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

**Acquire a facility off base for use by the squadron.** This alternative would not be in keeping with the congressional program Bold Venture, which advocates maintaining recruiting headquarters on military installations where possible. This alternative was eliminated from further consideration.

**Relocate the squadron in an existing facility.** There is a space availability shortage on Hill AFB. There isn't a facility that meets the needs of the squadron available at this time. This alternative wasn't retained for further consideration.

**Construct the facility in a different area.** An open area east of Building 1283 is also under consideration for construction of the facility.

Under the No Action alternative, the 368<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Squadron would not move from Building 1532.


## **SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

**Proposed Action:** This alternative fully satisfies all applicable regulations and provides for accomplishment of mission objectives without impacts to human health or the environment. The proposed action could be implemented with minor short-term environmental impacts such as air emissions, and controlling erosion during construction activities. Following the construction phase, backfill and paving operations would prevent erosion of the site. No long-term environmental impacts or cumulative impacts are expected from the proposed action.

**Construct facility in a different location.** This alternative action could be implemented with minor short-term environmental impacts such as air emissions, and controlling erosion during construction activities. Following the construction phase, backfill and paving operations would prevent erosion of the site. No long-term environmental impacts or cumulative impacts are expected from the proposed action.

**No Action.** There would be no new environmental effects resulting from the implementation of this alternative.

**Finding of No Significant Impact:** Based on the above considerations, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for this assessment.

Approved by:   
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## SUBJECT

Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Construction of the 368th Recruiting Squadron Headquarters Building, Hill Air Force Base, Utah

## DATE

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## SUMMARY

1. An Environmental Assessment (EA) Tab 2, has been prepared to determine whether implementation of construction of the 368th Recruiting Squadron Headquarters Building would have a significant impact on human health or the environment. The purpose of the proposed action is in keeping with Department of Defense (DOD) directives and Project Bold Venture, a congressional program that advocates keeping all recruiting squadron headquarters facilities on military installations for security as well as economic reasons. The proposed facility includes construction of a 4800 square foot (SF) facility with adjacent parking lot for 30 vehicles. The proposed site is located in the western portion of the base, north of Building 1135. An Executive Summary is located at Tab 1.

2. The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 32 CFR Part 989.

3. RECOMMENDATION: OO-ALC/CD, Environmental Protection Committee Chairman, sign the FONSI, Tab 3.

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