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Camp Ravenna among installations being considered for potential new missile defense site

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Department of Defense announced today that Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center, located near Newton Falls, Ohio, is one of four military installations nationwide that will have an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for a potential additional missile defense site in the continental United States.

Pursuant to Congressional direction to complete an EIS for a potential additional missile defense site, the DOD's Missile Defense Agency has completed an extensive evaluation of sites that were originally announced for consideration in September 2013.

In addition to Camp Ravenna, three other sites were selected for completion of an EIS: Fort Custer, Mich., Fort Drum, N.Y. and the Portsmouth Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) Training Area, near Rangeley, Maine.

The Department of Defense said there has been no decision to proceed with the construction of a new missile defense site.

"We are pleased and proud to be among the finalists for the potential opportunity to serve the citizens of Ohio and the nation. Since Camp Ravenna was announced as a candidate several months ago, we have all realized the potential economic benefits to the state's northeast corridor," said Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenurst, Ohio adjutant general. "The Ohio National Guard has always been willing to do whatever the National Command Authority deems is important to the security of the nation."

It is expected to take about 24 months to conduct and complete the EIS, which will assess environmental impacts at each of the sites, including potential impacts to land use, water resources, air quality, transportation, socioeconomics and other factors established by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Public involvement is encouraged as part of the process, to include public meetings, written comments and public review of the draft and final documents.

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